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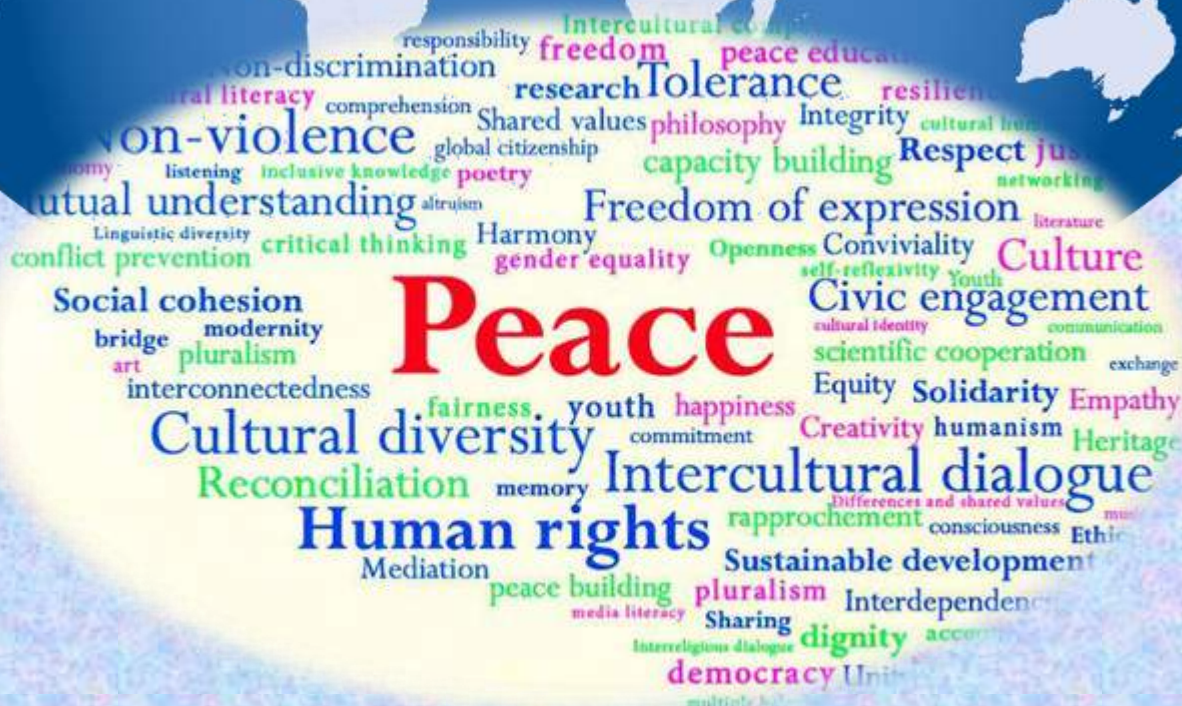
# DISTRICT 5050

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

## Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month



**Peace means the same in all languages  
across all cultures in the world.**







**Message from  
Scott Dudley**  
District Governor 2016-17

## I love February!

*I love February for many reasons. Everybody knows that February is the month of love due to the fact that this is the month in which we celebrate Valentine's Day!*

*I would say it is also the month of love in Rotary. February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution month in Rotary. If you want to see something scary, Google how many wars are taking place right now or how many armed conflicts are taking place today. You will quickly agree with me that the one thing that this World needs today is love. So, it is no surprise that we as Rotarians focus on Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution. If everyone were a Rotarian, the World would be a much different place! This month see what you and your Rotary Club can do to shine the light on the need for peace in our*

*communities and the World.*

*February is also the month we get to celebrate the Birthday of Rotary. It was February 23, 1905 that Rotary was born. Many Rotary Clubs do something special to celebrate this date. If your Rotary Club is currently not doing something special on this date, maybe you can initiate something new in your Rotary Club and remind our fellow Rotarians on where our World would be without Rotary in it. As we celebrate Rotary's Birthday this month, remember that most birthdays come with gifts and I would remind you that last year's Rotary International President, K.R. Ravindran theme was "Be a gift to the world". So, as we celebrate Rotary's Birthday this month, continue to be that birthday gift. Be that gift to your community and the World through Rotary.*

**Happy Birthday  
and  
"Make it Happen!".**

**DEAN ROHRS  
appointed as  
2017-18  
ROTARY  
INTERNATIONAL VICE  
PRESIDENT**



**Congratulations to our  
own Dean Rohrs!**

Read more about what Dean's new role involves and her impressive background here:

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50004/Stories/dean-rohrs-ri-vice-president>

**Welcome aboard**



District Governor Elect Lindagene Coyle meets with Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley and his wife Juliet Riseley at the Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.



District  
5050

# THE PEACE ARCH JOURNAL

The Monthly Newsletter of District 5050  
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## SCOTT DUDLEY 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 and beyond.

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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# ROTARY PEACE CENTERS SCHOLARSHIPS

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

## MASTER'S DEGREE

We offer master's degree fellowships at premier universities in fields related to peace and conflict prevention and resolution. Programs last 15 to 24 months and require a practical internship of two to three months during the academic break. Each year, we award up to 50 master's degree fellowships at these institutions:

- ✦ Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
- ✦ International Christian University, Japan
- ✦ University of Bradford, England
- ✦ University of Queensland, Australia
- ✦ Uppsala University, Sweden

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

For experienced professionals working in peace-related fields who want to enhance their professional skills, we offer a three-month program in peace and conflict prevention and resolution at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand. This program incorporates two to three weeks of field study. We award up to 50 certificates each year.

**World peace means more than ending wars: It also means safety for everyone, including society's most vulnerable members.**



**In 1947, The Rotary Foundation launched its first program: scholarships for graduate study.**



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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

On 23 February, we will mark 112 years since the founding of Rotary. It is incredible to think about how much has changed, in our world and in our organization, since the first Rotary club met in Chicago with Paul Harris as its president.

Some things are easy to compare between now and 1905. There have been changes in technology, medicine, and society. When we look at a map of the world in 1905 and a map of the world today, we can see what's different. What we can't do is compare what is with what might have been. There is no way to compare our world as it exists now with the world as it would have been without Rotary.

Rotary has risen to so many challenges in its 112 years. We've answered conflict with peace, and poverty with education. We've responded to a lack of basic health care with projects large and small, from equipping clinics in tiny villages to eradicating polio across the globe.

We will never know how different the world would have been if Rotary had never been founded; if any one Rotary club had never been chartered; or if any single Rotarian had declined the invitation to join a Rotary club.

But I will say, with absolute faith and complete confidence, that the world is a far, far better place now than it would have been without Rotary and that Rotary itself is stronger because of every one of you.

The world needs Rotary more than ever. It needs our courage, our optimism, and our idealism. It needs the voice of tolerance, cooperation, and hope that we can offer. It needs the example of an organization that has proven that the citizens of all countries can work together successfully, gladly, and in friendship.

None of us ever knows the full impact of our actions. None of us knows the effects that will ripple out from the things we do and say, the decisions we make, the opportunities we seize, and those we let pass. But I think we all know that when we choose to do good, good will follow; and that when we choose Service Above Self as our life's path, the direction it will take us will be a good one.

No one can see the future. No one knows what changes lie ahead. But I have faith in Rotary, and in Rotarians, that with every passing year, you will make our world a better place through Rotary Serving Humanity.



Rotary International President John GERM & his wife Judy pictured with the Rotary Rose Parade Float to mark the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation.

## Tournament of Roses

In the days leading up to the new year, 700,000 people from all over the world converge onto Pasadena to witness the Tournament of Roses, and millions of others watch from all over the world because it is covered by several television networks. While the Tournament of Roses is made up of several events, the two most famous events are the Rose Parade and the Rose Bowl Game.

## Rose Bowl Game

The Rose Bowl game is known as the oldest of bowls, it began in 1902. In its 103rd year, the Rose Bowl game took place on Monday, January 2, 2017 at Rose Bowl Stadium.

## Rose Parade

The Rose Parade has been a tradition for 128 years, where residents and visitors gather in Pasadena on New Year's Day (unless it falls on a Sunday) to watch impressive and creative floats covered in flowers, top marching bands that can exceed 300 members, and equestrian units like the Anheuser Busch Budweiser Clydesdales and the Valley Hunt Club.



ROTARY ROSE PARADE FLOAT 2017



*By Ryan Hyland*

**Rotary International President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley made the case on Monday that protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary's goal of sustainable service.**

Riseley, a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, unveiled the 2017-18 presidential theme, *Rotary: Making a Difference*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone, Riseley said. "They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental issues rarely register on the Rotary agenda," he said.

Environmental degradation is one of the major threats listed by the UN's High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change.

Riseley added, "The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not Rotary's concern. It is, and must be, everyone's concern."

The president-elect challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its

members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming.

"It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring," Riseley said. "I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself."

### **Securing Rotary's future**

In his address to the 2017-18 class of district governors, Riseley also urged clubs to improve their gender balance and lower the average age of their members.

Only 22 percent of Rotary's members are women, up from 13 percent 10 years ago. At that rate, Riseley said, it will take another three decades for Rotary to achieve gender parity.

"Three decades is far too long to wait to achieve a Rotary that reflects the world in which we live. We need to make it a priority now," he said.

Noting that 103 of the 539 incoming governors are women, Riseley said they are the type of women we need in Rotary, "leaders who will help Rotary connect with, and represent, and better serve, all of the members of all our communities."

**“We know that we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone.”**

Riseley also believes it is imperative that clubs find ways to attract and engage younger members. Today only 5 percent of reported members are under 40, and a majority of members are over 60, Riseley told the audience.

"Consider what Rotary stands to look like 10 or 20 years from now if we don't get very serious, very soon, about bringing in younger members," Riseley said.

Clubs will make a difference this year through their own decisions, said Riseley, but it will take teamwork on a global scale to move Rotary forward and secure its future.

"We know that we can do more together than we could ever hope to do alone," he told incoming governors. "I ask you to keep that spirit of teamwork and cooperation always in your minds and to take it back with you to your districts."



**[Download 2017-18 theme logo and materials](#)**

**[Download the 2017-18 Presidential Theme and Citation brochure](#)**



## What some of the Rotary Fellows have to say...

### PATH HEANG



Path Heang (2002-04) is the chief of a UNICEF field office in Cambodia and says, *"I am in a senior position because of the analytical skills and tools I learned as a Rotary Peace Fellow. Now I can influence national policy for the poor in Cambodia."*

### ADRIEN LOKANGAKA



Adrien Lokangaka (2012-14) says his small village in the Democratic Republic of Congo was in dire need of medicine after war. "People need not only the end of war, but they also want to be free from the consequences of war, and one of those is bad health," he says. "I am an ordinary person, but Rotary has given me an extraordinary opportunity."

### SUMMER LEWIS



Summer Lewis (2011-12) co-founded True Roots Consulting in Mexico to foster social responsibility programs so people would stop resorting to violent measures to meet their basic needs. "People ask how one little project in one little community makes a difference. But you can't think of it like that," she says. "Think about all the Rotary clubs carrying out projects in communities. Now you're talking about changing the world."

### MUYATWA SITALI



Muyatwa Sitali (2012-14) realized during his fellowship just how profound and far-reaching the need for clean water is. "Providing water and sanitation may not guarantee peace, but it reduces the chance of grievance that leads to armed conflicts," he says.

## 2018 Rotary Peace Fellowship

The 2018 Rotary Peace Fellowship application is now available. You can advance peace around the world by promoting this incredible opportunity!

Here are some helpful resources for recruiting candidates and promoting the program:

Share our [application video](#) explaining the steps to completing the application.

Follow us on the [Rotary Peace Centers Facebook page](#) and share fellowship updates.

Download the [Rotary Peace Centers Program Guide for Rotarians](#) for eligibility requirements and information on finding qualified candidates.

Email the [fellowship announcement](#) to contacts within your network.

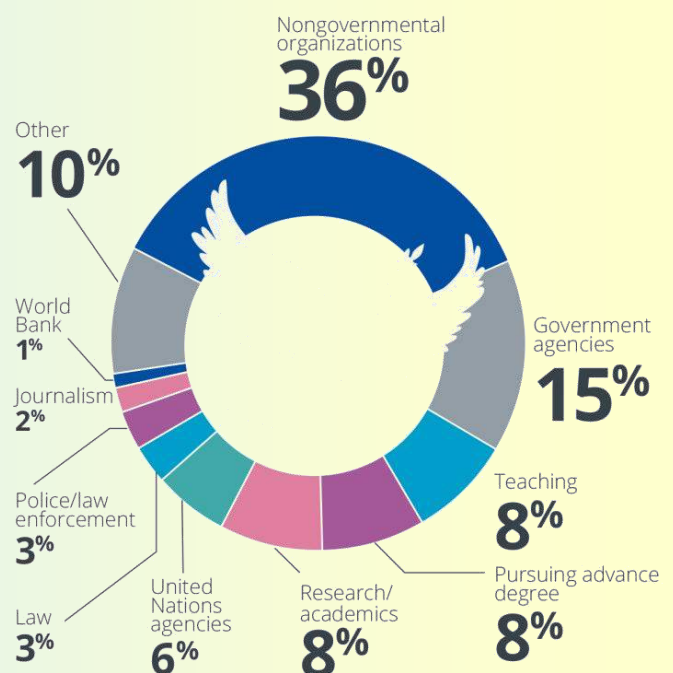
The [application page](#) provides an overview of the application process and links to useful documents such as an [application FAQ](#) and [tips for improving your application](#).

We are pleased to announce a new online application system. Through it, candidates around the world will experience a streamlined process that will help districts meet the demands of rising numbers of applications.

The deadline for applicants to submit applications to their district is 31 May. Districts must submit endorsed applications to The Rotary Foundation by 1 July.

**APPLY NOW**

### Where Rotary Peace Center alumni work



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## What if we started thinking about Rotary as more than a collection of service clubs and started thinking of ourselves as a global peace-building force?

### About

Rotary is the perfect vehicle for making a positive impact toward world peace. There are few other non-religious groups the size of Rotary that are so globally united in their actions and interests. The Rotarian Action Group for Peace provides an official entity that empowers and supports Rotarians by offering structure, guidance and resources to further our collective peace efforts.

The impact that Rotary's global network can have on peace will be tremendous. Consider the triumph of what Rotarians have done for polio. We can do the same for peace.

- ✎ We are working together to bring about peaceful societal systems to replace the machinery of war, aggression and coercion.
- ✎ We voluntarily choose to interact peacefully, learn more about the science of peace and create service projects that truly deepen our communities' commitment to a more prosperous, healthy, fair and tolerant society.
- ✎ We have collectively come to the conclusion that peace is best for all, and its time has come.
- ✎ We share a belief that there is a worldwide, societal shift towards peace.

### What is a Rotarian Action Group?

A Rotarian Action Group (RAG) is a Rotary International approved autonomous, international group with a passion for a particular type of service. Rotarian Action Groups provide assistance and support to Rotary clubs and districts in planning and implementing service projects in their respective areas of expertise.

Rotarian Action Group for Peace – Our passion is PEACE. We are a group of committed Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses, Rotaractors, Rotary Peace Fellows and other Rotary program alumni working together outside club structures with the help of telecommunications and driven by the common interest of peace.

## How Rotarian Action Groups operate

- ✎ Each group functions independently of Rotary International establishing its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.
- ✎ Membership is open to Rotarians, their family members as well as participants and alumni of all Rotary and Foundation programs.
- ✎ Rotarian Action Groups must adopt Rotary International's standard bylaws and operate in accordance with Rotary policy.
- ✎ Rotarian Action Groups regularly collaborate with clubs and districts on service projects in their area of specialty.
- ✎ Rotarian Action Groups can help clubs and districts obtain funding or other assistance for their service projects.

### Benefits of Rotarian Action Groups

- ✎ By joining a Rotarian Action Group, you can engage in meaningful service activities outside your own club, district, or country.
- ✎ By partnering with a Rotarian Action Group, your club or district gains the support of experts for planning and implementing a project.

**Rotary International and its contribution to peace: Historical Milestones**  
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**[December 21, 2016, report from the Institute of Economics and Peace](#)**

## Hundreds Gather in Sarajevo to Rally for Peace in Syria



Foreign students in Bosnia hold toy dolls to symbolise dying infants of Aleppo, Syria, during a solidarity rally in Sarajevo, Bosnia on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016. Up to a thousand people gathered in Sarajevo, a city that became synonymous with civilian suffering during the Balkan wars of 1990s, to express solidarity with the civilian victims of Aleppo. (AP Photo/Amel Emric) (The Associated Press)

SARAJEVO, Bosnia and Herzegovina –

Up to a thousand people gathered Wednesday in Sarajevo — the Bosnian city that survived a brutal 44-month siege during the Balkan wars of the 1990s — to rally against the carnage in Syria.

Representatives of Bosnia's Muslim, Catholic, Orthodox Christian and Jewish communities said they felt a moral responsibility to voice outrage at the international failure to stop crimes against civilians in Aleppo and elsewhere in Syria.

"Here in Sarajevo, we must do everything in our power to show to (Syrian) people that we understand them and to call on humanity to wake up and raise their voices against war," Eli Tauber, the leader of Bosnia's small Jewish community, said.

Participants recalled their own suffering and the sense of having been abandoned by the rest of the world during the 1992-95 interethnic war that left 100,000 people dead and another 2 million homeless.

"I was born during the war in Sarajevo in a hospital that was under mortar fire," said Smirna Kulenovic, 22, a Bosnian Muslim student. "I am here today to raise my voice against all war crimes, equally those that were committed here 20 years ago and those that are now being committed in Syria."



# The Rotary Passport Club of District 5050



Rotary Passport Club members are local people who want to make a difference in their community in a way that fits within their time, talent and finances, as well as with their family, work and life commitments.

To do this, the Rotary Passport Club only holds a minimum of four "in-person" meetings each year. Instead of weekly meetings, members are encouraged to engage in humanitarian service - however that works best for them.

The founding principle of the Rotary Passport Club is to make Rotary fit your life.

Rotary Passport Club members are full Rotary members, with the same privileges and rights as Rotarians in traditional clubs.

Membership in our club provides you with a passport to visit and work with any other Rotary Club in the world and to take part in activities, programs and projects that interest and engage you.

## How can you participate and make a difference as a member of the Rotary Passport Club?

You might:

- Attend meetings of other Rotary Clubs that are convenient for you.
- Support service projects and fundraising activities of local Rotary Clubs.
- Donate and support The Rotary Foundation.
- Serve the community by volunteering with other community, civic or international organizations, programs or projects.

Membership in the Rotary Passport Club is a privilege and an honor. The Rotary Passport Club holds its members to the highest ethical standards.

To become a member, a prospective member must be sponsored by a current

member of the Rotary Passport Club or a current Rotarian in good standing, and submit an application for membership.

## Who should be a member of the Passport Rotary Club?

- Former Rotary members who want to rejoin.
- Current or past members of the Rotary family, including Rotaractors and alumni of Rotary programs such as Scholarship or Group Study Exchange programs and youth programs.
- Young people who are early in their career.
- Young families.
- Retirees who now have time and talent to give back.
- Anyone interested in doing good in this world.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Rotary Passport Club or have questions, contact us. If you decide to join, complete the application form which will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and then presented to the current club membership for acceptance.

Applicants should live or work in Rotary District 5050's geographical area from Hope, BC to Everett, WA.

The cost of membership is expected to be around \$120 USD per year (that's only \$10 per month)

A welcoming ceremony of new members will be held at each quarterly "in-person" meeting of the Rotary Passport Club.

The affordable dues structure and flexible nature of the Rotary Passport Club could be the right fit for you.

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## Message from President Elect Ian Riseley

# GROUP CULTURAL EXCHANGES

The concept of peace is very important to Juliet and me, and will be a recurring theme throughout the 17/18 year. Through our vast Rotary network, there are outstanding opportunities to expand world understanding and foster cultural awareness. During the 2017-18 Rotary year, we are encouraging districts to become involved in a new opportunity called group cultural exchange. The vision we have is for teams of **4 or 5 young people (aged 25 to 40) and a Rotarian leader to be exchanged between districts**. Funding for these exchanges must come from the clubs or districts themselves.

The purpose is to foster cultural awareness and develop broader international understanding by a close study tour of another region or area. These exchanges will be open to non-Rotarians, and should have a defined purpose such as building global understanding, boosting vocational and leadership skills, or involvement in a specific area of service.

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## DISTRICT 5040 & 5050 Million Dollar Dinner raises **US\$3,313,168** MORE THAN \$4 MILLION CANADIAN

Thank you to the extraordinarily generous Rotarians in District 5040 and 5050 (BC and Washington) for the amazing success of the Million Dollar Dinner with a total gift to The Rotary Foundation of US\$3.3 Million to Do Good in The World.

Thank you to RI President John Germ for his inspiring comments on the global work of The Rotary Foundation.

Well done everyone!!!



Above

## The Moment of Truth

and  
all the reasons  
for smiles.

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**A PROUD MOMENT:** Pictured Bill Robson, Dean Rohrs, Rob Martin, John Germ, DeVere Scott Dudley, Larry Stinson (Assistant Rotary Foundation Coordinator) and Rhino Rohrs.



## 1 OUT OF 50 ONE OF THE BEST AMONG 1.2 MILLION

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*Congratulations to our own Rob Martin who received The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award last night from Rotary International President John Germ.*

*Only 50 Rotarians are recognized each year (that's 50 out of over 1.2 million!). And so far only one of those 50 have received it from the RI President. Congratulations Rob for all of your hard work and service over more than 30 years in Rotary!*

*Rob was caught completely by surprise!*





**ROTARY CLUB OF EVERETT 1917–2017**  
**CENTENNIAL DINNER CELEBRATIONS**  
**10TH JANUARY 2017**  
**Memories to last another Century**



**Rotary International President John F. Germ & Judy Germ**

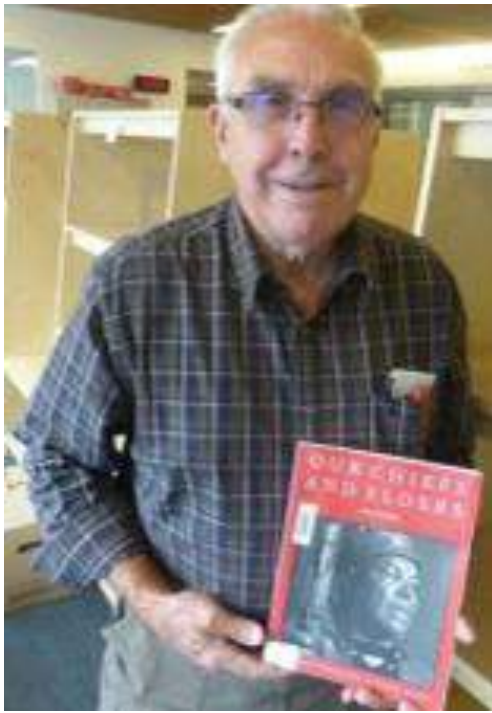






At the end of each Century...  
the new Century starts!





**Lloyd Rash** pictured at the Write to Read Project Library furniture (library shelving) and books to the Lax Kw'alaams (formerly known as Ft. Simpson) community, located in the school in the little village (700 people) about 50 km north of Prince Rupert.

## Local man honoured by entire community

MISSION (NEWS 1130) – NEWS 1130 is congratulating our final Unsung Hero of the year. Lloyd Rash was nominated by Gloria Tyler but there are a lot of people who are stepping up to praise his work.

Lloyd is a retired Public Works Manager for the City of Mission and is an active Rotarian with over 25 years of service to this organization. His friends say he has been an example of "service about self" and has selflessly served both his local and global communities for nearly five decades.

Here's what some of his friends and colleagues are saying about him.

**ABE:** former Mayor of Mission between 2001-2004. Upon retirement Lloyd volunteered full-time on the huge task of planning and construction of the Fraser River Heritage Administration Building. The building was a source of income for the District and it saved many taxpayer dollars.

**DON:** former President of Ducks Unlimited in the 1980's. Lloyd helped DU establish their banquet fundraising format. He often assisted needy folks with minor repairs of vehicles and household appliances (skills that proved

helpful in service in his mission trips to third world countries).

**BRIAN:** former President of the Mission Heritage Association. Lloyd has volunteered in the park since the 1980's. He was involved in the conception, design, infrastructure planning, and all stages of construction and on-going maintenance of everything in the park, from digging water lines to laying foundation to re-roofing. Several park buildings were constructed under his watchful eye. His calm leadership of a dedicated team of volunteers, inmates from the Correctional Service of Canada, contributors, donor and volunteers made good things happen in the park everywhere, in every way, on every day. The park is sometimes referred to as the jewel of Mission, much to the credit of the care and countless volunteer hours of Lloyd.

**ELEANOR:** former Mission Foundation Chair member. Lloyd assisted with the selection, interviewing and presentation of thousands of dollars of bursary and scholarship funds to worthy recipients.

**BILL:** former Rotary Assistant District Governor of District 5050 from 2001-2005. Lloyd assisted in the construction and entry, as well as maintenance, of the Rotary Float in the annual Mission Candlelight Parade for the past 25 years. He contributed hundreds of hours of work into the wetlands just west of Mission. He volunteered, in partnership with School District 75, Correctional Service of Canada, Wilderness Tree Farm, Citizens

Advisor and Municipality of Mission in building bird houses for the wetlands, park benches for local schools, planters for hospice and recently benches for schools.

**DR. BILL AND GLORIA TYLER,** Rotarians and dentists say Lloyd has volunteered on several dental missions trips to third world countries where he paid for his own travel and tapped into his maintenance skill set to do things such as keeping the field dental equipment functional under adverse conditions. He also replaced the well pump and restored water to a village of 150 orphans and several teachers, caregivers, and he even learned and was a valuable member of the clinical dental teams making partial dentures and keeping instruments sterilized. His volunteer trips were in Zambia, Ecuador, Thailand, Guatemala and the Philippines and was an integral part of the success of these missions.

**JANET:** past president of the Rotary Club of Mission 2015. This past year Lloyd was active in all aspects of Rotary. A most notable achievement in which Lloyd was instrumental was the transport, by ferry and barge of library shelving and books to a First Nations community in northern BC where a small team of Rotarians installed the shelving and stocked the library.

Alpine Credits is acknowledging Lloyd with \$500 to say thanks for being so great, while donating \$1000 to a charity of his nominator's choice.



**Members of Rotary Club of Mission** pictured at the **Rotary Carol Festival** organised to collect donations and display talents.



## Creating Small Business in Developing Countries.

The Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas embarked on an ambitious International Program in 2013, to Creating Small Business, to assist and grow those businesses in developing countries through a partnership with KIVA, located in 79 countries around the world.

Using the Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas members visionary plan that focuses on children and women within the local and international communities, the club chose the agriculture/farming sector with an initial investment of \$2,000.00

The micro loan repayments by the women we supported over the past 3.5 years, has been reinvested wisely by the Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas Kiva Committee President Thomas McMillan and Past President Michael Adkins.

As of December 30, 2016 just over \$7,775.00 has been lent out to women with children within the farming/agriculture community in twenty-three separate countries including China, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, India, El Salvador, Cambodia, Honduras, Armenia, Kenya, just to name a few.

By reinvesting the funds repaid, 79 individual loans to date have been made by Rotary Abbotsford-Sumas with a success rate has been 97.8% with only one repayment not completed.

To be a part of creating small businesses in developing countries, especially watching those mothers succeed for themselves and for their children is truly a remarkable experience that drives us to do more.

Their success stories are remarkable and inspiring. It reminds us of a Rotary International theme phrase that says it all:

**“Teach a Women,  
Change the World”**

**Here is an example of  
just one of many  
success stories:**

**This is Vary from  
Battambang Province,  
Kam Rieng District,  
Cambodia**



Vary is 50 years old and a resident from the Battambang province. She has five children, two of whom are still dependents as they are in school. To support herself, she farms rice, corn, and sesame. She has had this business for several years. This is the first micro loan for Vary with the Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas (Kiva's partner). She was seeking 4,000,000 KHR (\$1,000 USD) in order to buy seed and insecticide, and to pay for labor costs for her cash-crop. She is now earning a good income from her business that has improved her family lifestyle.

Moreover, she now has enough food to feed her three children and send them to school. The future is looking bright to be able to keep her children in school until they graduate.

**For more information: [www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org)**

**Or contact**

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**Great way to start the  
New Year.**



President Mike Welte presented long time member Kelly Meade with a Paul Harris Fellowship for his many years of service to the Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Matsqui at our meeting on January 5th, 2017. Well deserved Kelly!

ABBOTSFORD-SUMAS

**Visit to sister city  
Fukagawa, Japan**



Josh Bach, President of the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce spoke to us this morning on their recent visit with Abbotsford's sister city, Fukagawa, Japan. Mayor Henry Braun and Velma Braun along with Patricia Ross and Aird Flavelle were also at our meeting. Thanks to Josh for sharing their experiences and teaching us more about Fukagawa.



## GUEST SPEAKERS WITHIN THE DISTRICT

ABBOTSFORD-MATSQUI



### Dealing with family law cases

January 5, 2017

Great presentation at the meeting of the Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Matsqui on January 5th, 2017. Our guest speaker was Farzhana 'Roopa' Jhuty a lawyer with Dhanu Dhaliwal Law Corporation. Roopa is a specialist in Family Law and her presentation gave a good overview of the complexity of issues that are dealt with in family law cases.



### Grateful (Gratie) Fugar

December 8, 2016

Gratie told the members about her life, growing up in Ghana, being educated in the UK, becoming a nurse and eventually moving to Canada where she is now a

Psychiatric Intake Nurse at Abbotsford Regional Hospital. She spoke about her giving back to her native country by doing yearly missions where she helps children in villages to have proper clothing, shoes and school supplies so that they can get a better education. She has also been able to assist two hospitals by providing medical supplies donated in Abbotsford.

It is reported that It was a very interesting and thought provoking talk.



### Chamber tour to China

December 1, 2016

Great presentation at our meeting tonight by Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Allan Asaph. He spoke about China and the upcoming Chamber tour to China in the April 2017. For more information about that trip follow this link:

[http://www.abbotsfordchamber.com/china-trip – with Allan Asaph.](http://www.abbotsfordchamber.com/china-trip-with-Allan-Asaph)



ARLINGTON

January 5

## Leadership has own commitments



Bruce Stedman met Capt. Kunzman shortly after the Oso slide. Immediately observed his leadership presence.

Capt. Kunzman lives in Arlington with his wife. Plan to retire in the area. In 2017 Capt Kunzman will only be home 7-8 weeks.

### STORY OF THE MONTH

## HONESTY DOES PAY!

### NEW JOB... NEW HOME... NEW LIFE!

A homeless man in Thailand returned a lost wallet and was rewarded with a job and a new apartment.

When the 44-year-old found a designer Hermes wallet dropped by factory owner Nitty Pongkriangyos, he ignored the credit cards and 20,000baht (\$570) inside and gave it to the police.

Impressed with his honesty, Nitty hired him to his factory - a position that provided a salary and a new home. Impressed by his good-hearted actions,

Nitty's girlfriend Tarika Patty took him out shopping for new clothes. "He was asking if this was all a dream.", she said.



## The Story of The Chicken Lady and The Chief!

Rotarian Bonnie meeting a Kukuyu chief about four hours north of Nairobi way in the country.

The Chief had two shambas\* and two wives, but was unable to venture between his two farms (and ladies) until Tom Musili (Computers for Schools Kenyan contact and container recipient) brought him a Rotary World Help walkers and showed him how to use it. Bonnie visited the chief to take him another walker and pick up the current model for some repair. He had literally worn out the wheels! First the wife on the shamba visited realized Bonnie represented Rotary World Help where the walker had come from and decided she must have the fattest chicken in the yard, and nothing less! Then the old man twigged and he decided that Rotarian Bonnie must have the two most fattest chickens, and nothing less!

*"You know, often we are broadly aware that our efforts help others but rarely does it hit us that often our gifts have a truly personal meaning. This was one such time."*  
- Bonnie Sutherland

*\*Shamba is East Africa a farm, plantation, or other cultivated piece of ground*



## New year starts with A NEW MEMBER



**JOANNA POLAK** (middle) was inducted to the Rotary Club of Port Moody.

*Overheard: The club has recently been invaded by guests (prospective members) and the Club is taking steps to combat this attack. Port Moody RCMP has ruled out any suspicion that the club is in the "hit list" of terrorism related activities.*

**And that is good news!** The Club has no intention to stop them from keep coming as long as they want to.



## What a way to start the NEW YEAR.

Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial kicked off its Starfish Backpack Program at its meeting on 5th January.

A total of 13 students will receive the backpack every week, packed with essential food items. The projected is funded by the Club and the District 5050 Grant.

## ROTARY WORLD HELP SHIPPING STATISTICS

as of December 31, 2016

CONTAINERS SHIPPED

**357**

NUMBER OF RECEIVING OCUNTRIES

**62**

ESTIMATED WALY OF GOODS SHIPPED

**\$124,950,000**

ESTIMATED PEOPLE BENEFITTING

**10,710,000**



## 2016: Our salute to volunteers

The Tri-City News honours the helpers who worked — without pay — to make our community sparkle this year (2016).

### The best of the best volunteers in the Tri-Cities.



Back row: **Patty Klassen** (Port Moody Rotary); **Carl Trepanier** (Coquitlam Sharks, Coquitlam 125, Coquitlam Sports Council, Coquitlam 55 Plus Games, BC Summer Swimming Association and BC Liberal Party - Port Moody-Coquitlam); and **John Saremba** (Burke Mountain Naturalists, Critter Care Wildlife Rescue and Colony Farm Park Association).

Front row: **Barry Lang** (Coquitlam 55 Plus Games, Coquitlam 125, Dogwood Pavilion, Lower Mainland Sr. Slo Pitch and Coquitlam Senior Men's Curling); **Cléone Todgham** (Port Moody Rotary); **Trudy Gallant** (Port Moody Rotary); and **Alwyn Chan** (Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation and church outreach).

*Photograph By JANIS CLEUGH | TriCity News*

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<http://www.tricitynews.com/news/2016-our-salute-to-volunteers-1.5589602>

## Rotary Club of Everett

### Honors Five as Students of the Month

January 17, 2017: The Rotary Club of Everett on January 17 honored Everett students Sara Thomas and Mohamed Nour of Cascade High School, Allegra Braund of Sequoia High School and Aymee Carrillo and Byron Lewellen of Everett High as Rotary Students of the Month.

Each month the club recognizes outstanding area high school students for their accomplishments and their promise. The young people the club saluted in January represented both December and January.

Thomas has been 'giving back' by managing food drives, and plans to attend Portland State University after graduation. Nour is part of the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program, and will study business management at the UW. Braund will pursue a technical career. Carrillo hasn't determined her career path, but wants to make a difference. Lewellen has been involved with athletics and student leadership, and plans to study political science at WSU, WWU or Gonzaga.



Honored as Rotary Students of the Month in January were (left to right) Mohamed Nour, Allegra Braund, Aymee Carrillo, Byron Lewellen and Sara Thomas.

In May 2016 the Rotary Club of Everett provided \$180,300 in scholarships to students from the Everett area.

In September the club kicked off its Centennial Year celebrations by committing \$100,000 in grants and other support for college-bound students in the Everett School District's AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program.

## In Memory of



## Kyle Gordon Anderson

May 29, 1947 – December 6, 2016

It is with great sadness that we announce that Kyle Anderson, aged 69, passed away peacefully on December 6th at Abbotsford Regional Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Survived by his loving wife of 49 years Sandra and their two children Shelly Buckoll (Doug) and Kyle J. (Jillian), for Grandchildren Kaitlyn, Sarah, Zackary and Evan who will miss papa greatly, a sister Sheila Johnson (Jim), as well as many relatives and friends.

Kyle was well known in Langley community, owner of Willowbrook Parts and Coast Valley Marketing, a founder director of the Langley Voluntary Sports Association. (McLeod Park), Past President of Langley Minor Football, Past President of the Rotary Club of Langley and Paul Harris Fellow, founding director of the Save the Fish Foundation and served in Canadian Armed Forces.

A celebration of his life was held on Saturday January 14th at Henderson's Langley Funeral Home.

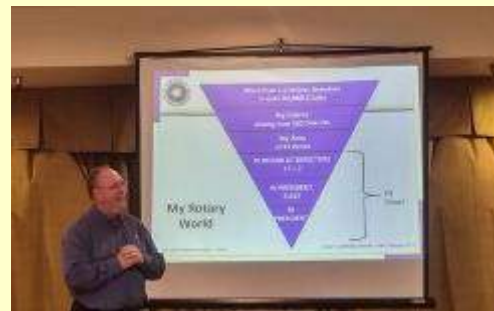
**MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE!**



## ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

January 21, 2017  
Mt. Vernon

How do you tell your Rotary story?



PDG Rod Thomson leading RLI 1 t in Mt. Vernon.

## DON'T MISS

### ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

4th March, 2017

Sunrise Conference Centre

(also called 5 Star Catering) 5640

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The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a series of fast-paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. Courses are fun, topical, interactive, and geared toward busy 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 offered. Rotarians must take the sessions in order beginning with Part 1.

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## BURLINGTON ROTARY

# Program helps fight weekend hunger among Burlington-Edison elementary school students

BURLINGTON — The cafeteria at West View Elementary School on Friday afternoons is a bit of controlled chaos.

Backpacks line the lunch tables, while volunteers unload boxes of food from a truck outside.

At 2:35, students from Burlington-Edison High School come to the school and the rest of the work begins — packing the backpacks with food for elementary school students to take home for the weekend. The backpacks need to be ready by 3:30.

“This is like the hour of power,” said David Strich, director of the 21st Century Community Learning Center at Allen Elementary School.

What started as a project to fight weekend hunger for students at the learning center now includes four of the Burlington-Edison School District’s five elementary schools.

“The more kids we reach, the better,” said Burlington-Edison High School senior Ryan Walker.

Last year, Walker was part of essentially a two-man crew that made sure all the backpacks at Allen Elementary School got to the kids who needed them most.

This year, he’s running the show when it comes to Allen and Bay View elementary schools, which started receiving the backpacks last Friday.

“There’s a lot of kids here that need food, right where we live,” Walker said.

He’s recruited his father, Jim; mother, Carol; and younger brother, Wyatt, to help.

“He loves it,” Carol Walker said of her older son. “He loves the kids coming up to him and going ‘Do you have my bag?’ They light up when they see (him) coming.”

Carol Walker, an instructional assistant at Bay View, drives the backpacks to that school, while Ryan drives bags to Allen.

“It’s turned into a family thing,” Ryan Walker said. “I think we all like helping and this is a good way to do it.”

While the Walkers handle delivery to two of the schools, the Burlington-Edison High School Interact Club — a Rotary program for high school students — and the Burlington Morning Rotary make sure students at the other two schools get their backpacks.

“It’s a thing of beauty,” said Burlington Morning Rotary President-Elect Jerry Ellis. “It’s heartwarming to see everyone involved.”

**Burlington-Edison High School seniors (from left) Jacob Gardner, Ryan Walker and freshman Nolan White distribute onions for backpack program Friday at West View Elementary School**

The food comes from donations from the food bank and from Community Action of Skagit County, with whatever else is needed being purchased by the Rotary Club, Strich said.

“It’s really awesome how that organization has stepped up,” he said. “The systems are imperfect, but they’re perfect for us.”

Between the four schools, about 150 backpacks get distributed every Friday, Ellis said.

“Our job is to get the food, deliver the food, unload the food, pack the food and get the kids on the bus with their backpack,” he said.

For his part, Strich is glad to see how the program has evolved and expanded to include the greater Burlington-Edison community.

“I cried the last time I was here,” Strich said. “I was like, ‘This is awesome.’ (It’s) all community, family, and child focused.”

Article by: [Kera Wanielista](#) Photo Courtesy [Scott Terrell](#)



# STARFISH PACK

**\$525 feeds a child for the whole year  
\$10 a week feeds a hungry child**

**To learn more about the Starfish Pack Programme  
click on the picture above to.**





# THE ROTARY CLUB TAKES ON HUNGER IN PORT COQUITLAM

## Port Coquitlam Rotarians step up to combat hunger in local Elementary Schools

The Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial recently joined the Starfish Pack Program that will provide backpacks of food, so that needy children do not go to school hungry on Monday mornings, because their family did not have enough food to eat over the weekend.

Recently, President Barrie Seaton and Past President Ron Goyette met with an elementary school principal to determine how their Rotary Club might be able to increase their community support programs within her particular institution

The discussions quickly turned to the issues that her elementary school was experiencing with students returning to school on Monday after having had little or no food over the weekend. Numerous recent studies have shown that children who are hungry and attend school, not having been provided with the proper amount of food sustain mental and physical growth, exhibit and social integration difficulties, both in their youth and later in their adolescent lives.

Almost immediately the Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial began making plans to join the Starfish Pack Program, so they could help to alleviate this local community based issue of childhood hunger.

President Barrie Seaton said "the more time we spent researching childhood hunger, the more we realized it was a much greater issue than we originally thought, and we knew as a group of Rotarians dedicated to making our community and the world a better place, we had a responsibility to try to overcome it to the best of our ability." This program will of course require lots of support from both the local and business communities.

The needy and deserving families are identified by the school teaching staff, and the Rotary club provides each of them with a back pack full of food every Friday afternoon, that the students take home, so they and their families will be able to eat a more balanced and varied diet over the weekend.

The Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial would also like to thank the Save-On Foods outlet on Ottawa Street for their support of the Starfish Program. Right from the very first time we discussed it with the store manager George Scibberas, he said, "We are privileged to be part of the Starfish Pack Program, and to help improve the health and wellbeing of the needy children and families in our area".



### DISTRIBUTING STARFISH PACKS AT IRVINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Left to right: Russ McMurchie, Past President, Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial; Laurie Bernie, Principal, Irvine Elementary School, Ron Goyette, Past President, Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam; and student recipient of the pack.

## The Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam is organising a POCO WINTER BLUES FESTIVAL

On February 26, 2017 at the Riverside Secondary School auditorium, between 2.00 pm and 9:30 pm to raise funds that will ensure the ongoing success of the Rotary Club's

### STARFISH PACK PROGRAM

6 well-known and local blues bands will be performing at the event and wine, beer, pop and food will be available for purchase throughout the Festival

Tickets are just \$45.00 and are available online at [facebook.com/events/390091878046192/](https://facebook.com/events/390091878046192/) the club website—[www.pocorotary.ca](http://www.pocorotary.ca) or from [tricitiebsc.snapd.com/#/events/view/997332](http://tricitiebsc.snapd.com/#/events/view/997332)



## ROTARY SERVICE BEYOND BORDERS

### District Governor Scott Dudley to inaugurate Free Eye Camp in India by Canadian Eyesight Global in Delhi, India.

Free Eye Camp. organized by Canadian Eyesight Global, supported by Rotary Club of Surrey - Guildford shall be inaugurated by the District Governor Scott Dudley R.I.District 5050. Canada/USA and First lady Christine Dudley on February 11, 2017, Delhi. India, during their visit in Delhi. India.

Rotary Club of Delhi South Metropolitan, Faridabad Sri



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Guru Singh Sabha Panchayan and Shroff's Charitable Eye Hospital, Delhi, will fully support this noble humanitarian world community eye project. The patients requiring in the free cataract (IOL) surgeries, shall be funded by Canadian Eyesight Global and surgeries shall be performed at the Shroff's Eye Hospital. Delhi. India.

If any Rotary Club in R.I.Dist.5050 is interested in joining hands in this noble eye project, please contact: Anup Singh Jubbhal,MSM, President, Canadian Eyesight Global, Ph.(604) 582-0579, [www.CanadianEyesight.org](http://www.CanadianEyesight.org), [info@CanadianEyesight.org](mailto:info@CanadianEyesight.org)



## Major Donation to Conner Park Project



Pictured left to right: Ollie Iversen, La Conner Parks Commissioner; Susan Macek, President, Rotary Club of La Conner; Mayor Ramon Hayes; Town Administrator John Doyle.

The Rotary Club of La Conner gave an early Christmas present to the Town of La Conner on Dec. 19. During its weekly meeting, club president Susan Macek handed a \$10,000 check for Conner Waterfront Park to La Conner Mayor Ramon Hayes, Town Administrator John Doyle and Park Commissioner Ollie Iversen, who is a club member. The club had committed to three installments of \$5,000 over three years but upped the ante by giving \$10,000 for the final installment, for a total donation of \$20,000.

"We were totally surprised when Susan handed us the last of their gifts for double the amount they had pledged," Iversen said. "This month we received a second matching grant, which this donation falls under, so the double we received from Rotary will again be doubled by the grant."

The park under the Rainbow Bridge has been in the works for several years and will be moving forward toward completion starting at the first of the year. Picnic tables and a salmon sculpture that doubles as a children's slide are already installed.

### A PUBLIC IMAGING OPPORTUNITY



is interested in promoting community events to its Asian viewers, and would like to promote Rotary in particular.

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## Representative Lovick Visits Lake Stevens

At our December 30th Meeting, 44th State Legislative District Representative John Lovick, told the members that the upcoming State Legislative session will be one of the hardest ever due to the mandate to fully fund education. The questions are "Where is the money coming from?" "What will we have to give up in order to achieve this goal?" "Will this be accomplished in this session?"

Other issues before the Washington State House and Senate include transportation and social services. Lovick thanked Club President Sam Low and Club Member State Senator Steve Hobbs for their service to the public. He also thanked the members for being invested in the community. Lovick serves on the House Education Committee and House Appropriations Committee. Lovick has a long public service career starting with the US Coast Guard. He then served as a Was-Club Assembly 2017-01-11 08:00:00Z [Representative Lovick Visits Lake Stevens](#) hington State Patrol Trooper and Sergeant. He also served on the Mill Creek City Council, nine years as our State Representative before serving as Snohomish County Sheriff and then Snohomish County Executive. Thank you Representative Lovick for your visit!



## District Grants Management Seminar (CANADA)

The first District Grants Management Seminar for the incoming presidents and club representatives were held at Rotary Field House on Saturday, 14th January.

The seminar conducted by PDG Jane Helten (Rotary International District Foundation), Malcolm Kennedy (Foundation Global Grants) and Val Tibbetts (Foundation District Grants) were representatives from 22 clubs from Canadian Clubs.

It is requirement of Rotary International and Rotary Foundation that the incoming Presidents and a Club representative from each club attend this seminar annually to enable the clubs to be eligible to qualify for District and Global Grants.

The second Grants Seminar will be held on 11th February in Bellingham. Incoming Presidents and Club representatives from Washington State and BC are expected to attend.

The presentations and related resources will be available on the District Website soon after the Seminar on 11th February.

### Grant Management Manual



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ROTARY FOUNDATION  
GRANTS**

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INTERNATIONAL**





## Our Foundation's long commitment to peace

This February, let's celebrate the success of our Rotary Peace Centers and the important work that graduates of the program are doing throughout the world to honor Peace and Conflict Prevention/ Resolution Month. I think it's also important to note that the launch of the peace centers in 2002 built on many decades of peace-building efforts supported by our Foundation.

In the 1930s, clubs in France and Germany formed the first *petit comité*, now known as an inter-country committee. Both countries were still recovering from a devastating war, but the former adversaries knew that peace, however fragile, was worth keeping. Although a second world war dashed their hopes, these peace-minded Rotarians reconvened in 1950. Since then, Rotarians have formed 250 inter-country committees to promote international friendship and service.

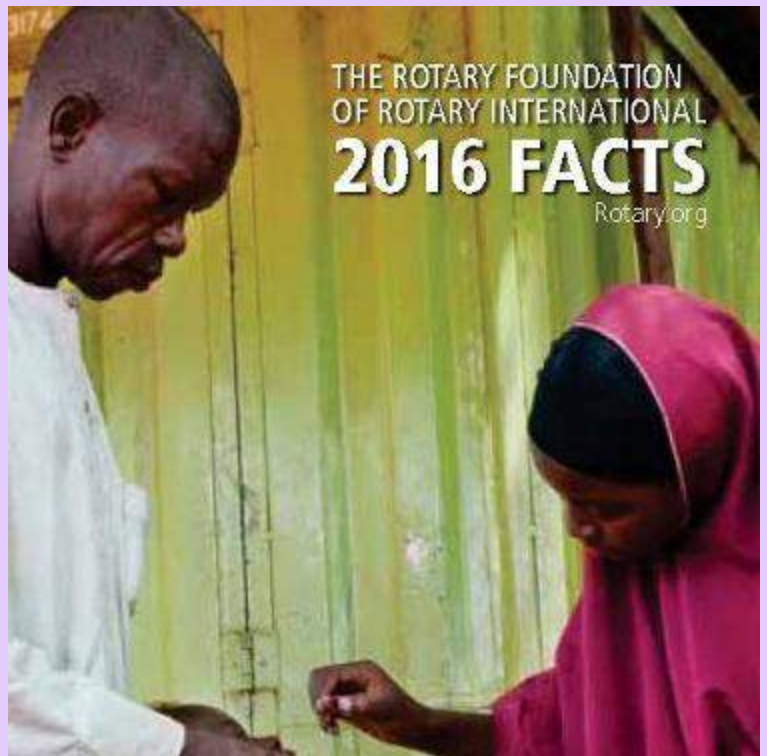
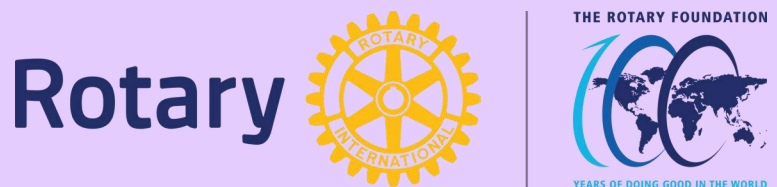
Rotarians have long believed that international understanding develops most quickly through personal relationships. Before study abroad programs and international business travel became commonplace, our Foundation sent scholars and young professionals to other countries to experience different ways of living and doing business. For many participants, these life-changing adventures helped them view the world through the eyes of their hosts, who often became close friends.

Every year, our Foundation allocates millions of dollars for projects that attack the root causes of conflict – lack of access to education, health care, economic opportunity, clean water, and adequate sanitation. Our global grants have a unique requirement that moves the needle on peace even further: To qualify, project sponsors must include clubs from at least two countries. In addition to combining local knowledge with international and Foundation resources, these projects build friendships that often lead to long-lasting service relationships between the sponsoring clubs.

Of course, one of the best places to form international friendships is at our annual convention where Rotarians from dozens of countries come together. This year in Atlanta, we will celebrate The Rotary Foundation's 100 years of Doing Good in the World. I hope you will join me and thousands of your fellow Rotarians for the biggest birthday party of the year!

## ROTARY FOUNDATION SUMMARY STATISTICS

	2015-16	Cumulative
Annual Fund	\$121.3 million	\$2.5 billion
Endowment Fund	\$16.7 million	\$291.7 million
PolioPlus Fund	\$97.4 million	1.3 billion
Other	\$30.2 million	\$126.2 million
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$265.5 million</b>	<b>\$4.1 billion</b>
<b>Program awards and operations</b>	<b>\$246.0 million</b>	<b>Since 1947 \$3.7 billion</b>



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The **NEW 2016 Rotary Foundation fact card** is available.

It should be available to order at [www.shop.rotary.org](http://www.shop.rotary.org) in the near future.



## DISTRICT FOUNDATION GIVING

As of January 29, 2017, District 5050 has contributed the following amounts to the Rotary Foundation:

<b>Annual Giving:</b>	<b>\$ 267,530.80</b>
	<b>(\$103.90 per capita)</b>
<b>PolioPlus:</b>	<b>\$ 74,326.96</b>
<b>Endowment:</b>	<b>\$ 11,559.36</b>
<b>Other Funds:</b>	<b>\$ 8,297.62</b>
<b>Total combined giving:</b>	<b>\$361,714.74</b>

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

1	Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	\$ 365.68
2	White Rock	BC	\$ 264.61
3	Langley Central	BC	\$ 264.45
4	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	\$ 257.19
5	North Delta	BC	\$ 235.65
6	San Juan Island	WA	\$ 235.49
7	Langley	BC	\$ 235.42
8	Fidalgo Island	WA	\$ 199.29
9	South Whidbey	WA	\$ 185.42
10	Semiahmoo	BC	\$ 184.33
11	La Conner	WA	\$ 179.93
12	Burlington	WA	\$ 176.60
13	Everett	WA	\$ 168.31
14	Coquitlam Sunrise	BC	\$ 164.62
15	Port Moody	BC	\$ 164.25
16	Arlington	WA	\$ 157.92
17	Lake Stevens	WA	\$ 151.13
18	Port Coquitlam	BC	\$ 147.06
19	Abbotsford	BC	\$ 142.34
20	Whidbey Westside	WA	\$ 131.74
21	Chilliwack	BC	\$ 130.54
22	Surrey	BC	\$ 128.57
23	Meadow Ridge	BC	\$ 126.60
24	Monroe	WA	\$ 125.69
25	Surrey-Guildford	BC	\$ 120.76
26	North Whidbey Island Sunrise	WA	\$ 114.30

### PolioPlus Contributions Honor Roll for clubs above \$100 per capita:

1	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	\$ 145.39
2	Monroe	WA	\$ 120.32
3	Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	\$ 106.25
4	North Delta	BC	\$ 102.31
5	Mission	BC	\$ 100.00



## Noteworthy Rotary Foundation Grants

Rotary International is honoring 20 projects funded through global grants with special recognition to celebrate 100 years of giving and projects.



Check out how these 20 global grants funded projects are improving communities and changing lives.



**2012 Rotary Peace Fellow Anne Kjær  
Riechert ofReDI School of Digital Integration**



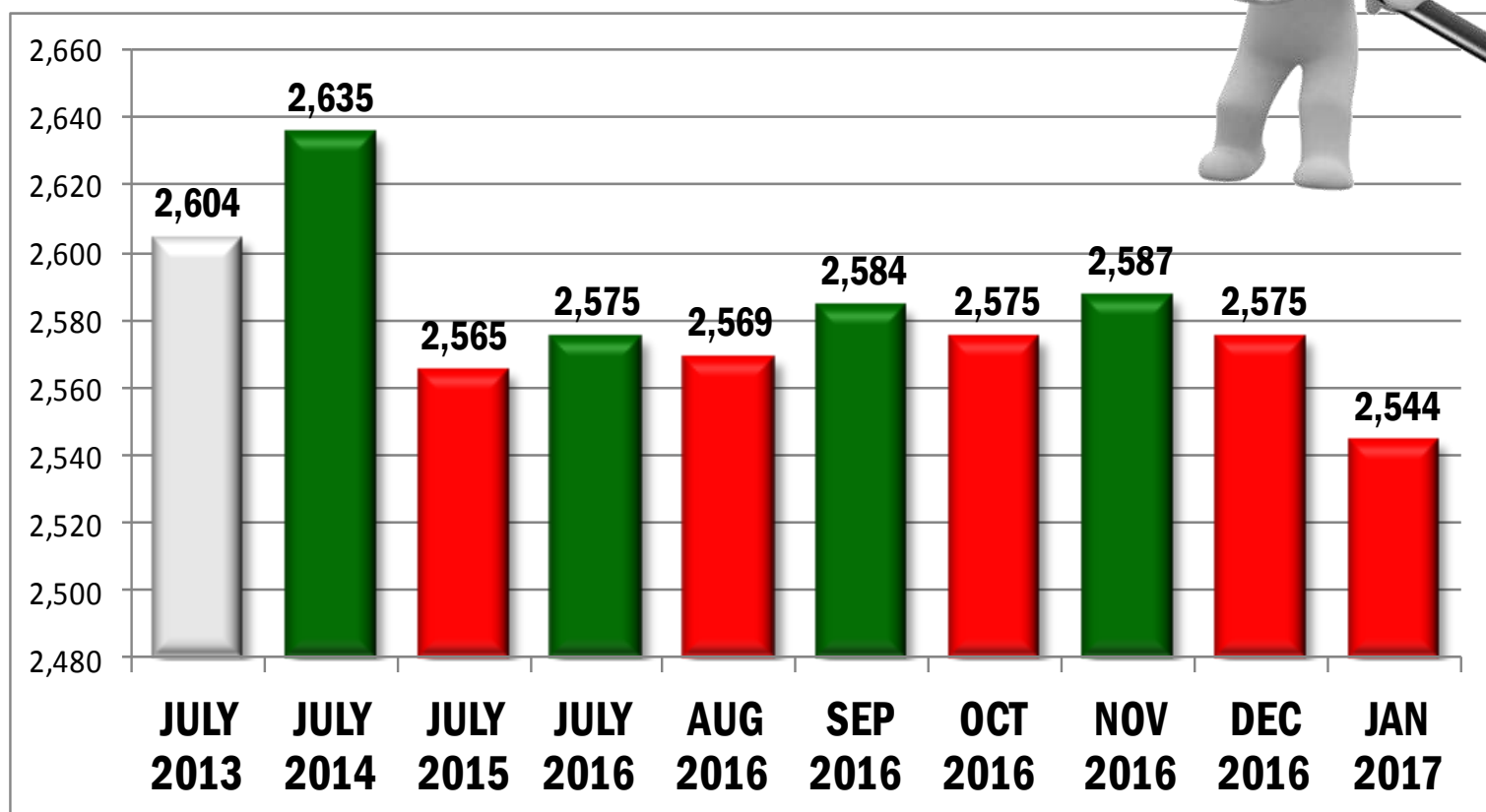
Info: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/100984/Stories/program-info>

Email inquiries: [grantstrfc@gmail.com](mailto:grantstrfc@gmail.com)





# DISTRICT 5050 MEMBERSHIP AT A GLANCE



## Top 10 Clubs for Attendance in December

Whidbey Westside  
Langley Sunrise  
Abbotsford-Sumas  
Meadow Ridge Rotary  
South Surrey  
Coquitlam  
Chilliwack  
Port Moody  
Everett-Port Gardner  
Whatcom County North

## Clubs which added new members in December

Monroe  
Surrey-Newton  
Bellingham  
Abbotsford  
San Juan Islands  
Marysville  
White Rock  
Mount Baker  
Surrey

## Clubs with YTD Increase in Membership

Abbotsford-Matsqui	Sunrise
Abbotsford-Sumas	Port Coquitlam
Cloverdale	Centennial
Coquitlam	Port Moody
LaConner	San Juan Islands
Lake Stevens	Sedro-Woolley
Marysville	Semiahmoo (White Rock)
Marysville Sunrise	Skagit
Meadow Ridge	South Everett/Mukilteo
Mission Midday	Surrey-Newton
North Delta	White Rock
North Whidbey Island	

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ROTARACT SURREY-  
NEWTON FOR 100% ATTENDANCE IN DECEMBER**



## UN agency hails new polio vaccination regimen in South-East Asia that curbs impact on global supply

12 January 2017 – Amid a global shortage of injectable inactivated polio vaccines (IPV), a new inoculation regimen, employed by governments in the South-East Asian region, involving two fractional vaccine doses – each about a fifth of a full dose – provides the same level of protection against all polioviruses as does one full dose, the United Nations health agency said today.

According to the World Health Organization's (WHO) Regional Office for South-East Asia, the evidence-based intervention ensures continued protection of children against the virus and also helps save vaccine.

This method was first used in India in its provincial vaccination programmes in early 2016 and is now being scaled up nationally. Sri Lanka and Bangladesh have also decided to introduce the fractional IPV doses this year, and other countries in the region are considering a shift in their immunization routines.

The first of the two fractional doses is administered to infants at the age of six weeks, followed by the second at the age of 14 weeks.

According to WHO, South-East Asia is also its first region to complete the polio vaccine switch from the traditionally used trivalent oral polio vaccine (TOPV) to the bivalent vaccine (BOPV) to prevent any paralysis caused by type 2 poliovirus strain in TOPV.

The crippling and highly infectious disease, polio (poliomyelitis), is caused by the poliovirus and the last case of wild poliovirus in the region was recorded on 13 January 2011.

WHO certified the region (comprising Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor-Leste) as polio-free in March 2014.

All countries have been working towards the timely implementation of the global polio end game strategy to achieve a polio-free world, the UN agency noted, reminding them of the continued need "to reach every child with polio vaccines and to strengthen disease surveillance so that poliovirus does not return to cripple children."



Photo: WHO/F. Guerrero

## Rotary announces \$35 million to support a polio-free world

EVANSTON, Ill. (17 January 2017) – Rotary today announced \$35 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, bringing the humanitarian service organization's contribution to \$140 million since January 2016.

Nearly half of the funds Rotary announced today (\$16.15 million) will support the emergency response campaigns in Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin (Chad, northern Cameroon, southern Niger and Central African Republic). Four cases of polio were detected in Nigeria in 2016, which had previously not seen a case since July 2014.

With these cases, funding is needed to support rapid response plans in Nigeria and surrounding countries to stop the outbreak.

While significant strides have been made against the paralyzing disease, with just 35 cases reported in 2016, polio remains a threat in hard-to-reach and underserved areas, and conflict zones. To sustain this progress, and protect all children from polio, experts say \$1.5 billion is needed.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.6 billion, including matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and countless volunteer hours to fight polio.

Rotary launched its polio immunization program PolioPlus in 1985, and in 1988 became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and was later joined by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to 35 confirmed in 2016, and no cases in 2017.

In addition to supporting the response in the Lake Chad Basin region, funding has been allocated to support polio eradication efforts in Afghanistan (\$7.15 million), Pakistan (\$4.2 million), Somalia (\$4.64 million), and South Sudan (\$2.19 million). A final grant in the amount of \$666,845 will support technical assistance in UNICEF's West and Central Africa Regional Office.





## News around the world

### Ride a scooter across the Sahara

**AHMAD ELZOGHBY**  
Rotary Club of Alexandria  
Cosmopolitan, Egypt



Back in 2011, not many people were riding scooters here. But the car traffic where we lived in Alexandria was insane, so I and a few friends started to ride scooters as an alternative means of transportation.

One day a friend recommended that we do a tour around Egypt, from where we live in Alexandria to Sharm el-Sheikh, which is 450 miles away. And I said, why not? A few days later, I thought, why not go from the very north of Egypt to the very eastern border, then go south and visit all the tourist sights? Egypt depends mainly on tourism, and at this time tourism was suffering because of the recent Egyptian revolution. So we thought we would do this to tell the world that Egypt is still a safe place to visit: We can tour the country on scooters and still be safe.

I spoke to my Rotary club and they were very excited. They gave me the go-ahead to put this together. Three months later on 1 July, at the beginning of the Rotary year, the Cross Egypt Challenge was born. In that first year, there were only 14 riders – from Egypt, the United States, and Mexico. In 2015, we had 75 riders from 12 countries.

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### Giving Tuesday winners announced

Rotary extends its thanks and congratulations to the Rotary Club of Abomey-Calavi, Benin, for having the most club members (35) who made personal contributions through My Rotary on Giving Tuesday, 29 November. The club will receive a copy of our Foundation's centennial book, "Doing Good in the World, The Inspiring Story of The Rotary Foundation's First 100 Years."

The districts with the most donors who made personal online contributions that day are District 9102 (Benin, Ghana, Niger, and Togo), with 80 donors; District 4400 (Ecuador), 76 donors; and District 7670 (parts of North Carolina, USA), 73 donors.

Rotary thanks all of our generous donors who supported The Rotary Foundation on Giving Tuesday.

## Pakistan rises to "Zero"

By Ryan Hyland

Pakistan and Rotary are cutting through a whirl of migrating families and cultural barriers to turn what was 'a badge of shame' into a model for disease eradication.

At a busy toll plaza in Kohat, Pakistan, a three-member vaccination team is working fast.

Outfitted in blue Rotary vests and flanked by armed military personnel, the vaccinators approach a white van as it pulls away from the scattered stream of traffic, cars rattling east toward Islamabad and west to the nearby border with Afghanistan. One worker leans toward the driver to ask a question as another reaches into a cooler to prepare the vaccine. Among the crush of passengers in the van, they identify one child who has not yet been vaccinated.

### There is no time for second-guessing.

There is not even enough room for the boy to crawl toward the front of the vehicle or through one of the doors; a relative must hand the young child to the vaccinators through one of the rear windows. He is quickly inoculated with two drops of oral polio vaccine, and his pinkie finger is stained with purple ink to indicate that he's received his dose. He cries as the vaccinator hurriedly passes him back through the window. The van speeds off, fading back into the dizzying hum of traffic, as the vaccinators look for the next car and child.



**More than 700 children are vaccinated daily at the busy Kohat Toll Plaza, which borders Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas.**

Photos by Khaula Jamil

This scene plays out thousands of times a day at transit posts like this one — makeshift vaccination clinics set up at bus stops, border crossings, army posts, and police checkpoints across the country in an effort to reach children who are on the move.

Here in Pakistan, home to almost all of the world's polio cases just a few years ago, these moving targets require a vaccination strategy as agile and stubborn as the virus itself. At hundreds of sites, teams of health workers verify that every child passing through receives the vaccine.

The interaction is fleeting — faster than getting a meal at a drive-through restaurant — but the benefit is permanent. Another child, another family, another generation is protected, and Pakistan moves one step closer to having zero polio cases.



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**A scintillating dance performance at the Dubai Institute.**



**A WARM ROTARY HUG**  
RI Director Manoj Desai and  
Institute Chair V Raja Seenivasan



**My hero:**  
A youngster in awe of  
tennis star  
Leander  
Paes.  
Also in the  
picture  
Institute  
Chair V Raja  
Seenivasan



**"Selfie" time on Catamaran**



**Shoulder to Shoulder**  
TRF Trustee and WinS Global Chair  
Sushil Gupta and PRIP K R Ravindran.



**More hugs**



**More "Selfies"**



## Teamwork vital to change the world: John Germ



**RI President John F. Germ and Judy inaugurate the DDZI in the presence of (from left) Institute Chair V. Raja Seenivasan, Jayanthi, Sharmishtha, RID Manoj Desai, PRIP Gary Huang, Corinna, and Organising Secretary Abhay Gadgil.**

At the glittering opening ceremony of the Zone Institute at Dubai, RI President John Germ had the delegates spellbound with his clear message to safeguard Rotary's core values and work together as teams.

Whether a person was an engineer like he himself was, or in any other vocation, he/she turned in work, day after day, that had a "life-changing impact, work that allows other people to live better, safer, and healthier lives. Just like the work that we do in Rotary."

With these words, RI President John Germ engaged the 900-odd delegates through his keynote address at the Dazzling Dubai Zone Institute (DDZI) with the theme *Nothing is Impossible*. Rotarians should be proud "because in every part of the world, every single day, whether they know it or not, people are living better, safer, and healthier lives because of the work of Rotarians just like you," he said.

The people that Rotary helps might not have

met a single Rotarian or even know about Rotary's existence. But they were drinking clean water from a bore well that Rotary has dug; or learning to read in schools that Rotary has built; or were living lives free of polio because Rotary saw the opportunity to eradicate this disease, and seized it. And thus Rotary served humanity, said Germ, touching on his Presidential theme for this year.

### At the crossroads

Germ told the assembled Rotarians that Rotary was at the crossroads as "we are looking ahead at a Rotary year that may one day be known as the greatest in our history: the year that polio finally falls. The number of cases so far this year stands at 28. But as much as I want you to know how very close we are, to ending polio, I also need you to know that we are not there yet."

This August, four new cases of polio were found in Nigeria; the first cases seen in Africa

in nearly two years. Though it was "a disappointment, because we had hoped we'd seen the last of polio in Africa, we knew all along it might happen, and when it did, we were ready."

Germ disclosed that when the first cases were reported, no time was wasted on an outbreak response plan, which was already in place and was immediately put into motion by the WHO and the Nigerian government, with a series of six vaccination campaigns targeting children across five countries in the Lake Chad region.

"We know what it takes to stop an outbreak. We've done it before, and we're doing it now. But as much as we'd rather not have had them, they're giving us something we need. They are giving us a wake-up call: a vivid reminder of how easily polio can return, and how important it is to remain vigilant until the very end: until we've gone three full years, without one new case of polio."

The RI President reminded the audience listening to him with rapt attention that Rotarians can't forget that "we are still \$1.5 billion short of the money we'll need to get the job done. It's not our job to raise all of that money ourselves. But it is our job to advocate, anywhere and everywhere we can, to make sure that it is raised. We started this more than 30 years ago. We've stuck with it all this time. And soon — 1.9 billion Rotary dollars and more than 2.5 billion immunised children later — we're going to finish it," he added.

When that moment came, Rotarians would have to be ready for it, to be sure that "we are recognised for that success, and leverage that success for more partnerships, greater growth, and even more ambitious service in the decades to come." It was important that Rotary's role in making the world polio-free be recognised both for getting more partnerships and funding."

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# ROTARY NEW YEAR NEW LOOK

**The Rotary International has launched its new website.**

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- ◆ Who we really are
- ◆ Our Causes
- ◆ Our Programs
- ◆ Getting involved
- ◆ News and Features, and
- ◆ Members' section



## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: Stand up and be an ambassador for Rotary



By Evan Burrell,  
Rotary Club of  
Turramurra, New  
South Wales,  
Australia

It's a new year, and here's something you can resolve to do for your club and for Rotary in 2017.

Think about the last time someone gave you a "word-of-mouth referral" that influenced your decision to do something. Maybe a friend shared a new favorite restaurant over Facebook, or your neighbour recommended a plumber. Or maybe it was that friendly suggestion to come along to a Rotary club meeting that got you involved in Rotary in the first place. Regardless, you probably acted on the referral, in part, because it came from someone you trust!

If you're passionate about Rotary like I am, I encourage you this year to become an ambassador for your own club — and more importantly for Rotary — by using your "word-of-mouth referral" power. Here are a few things you can do:

### 1. **Be Active online and offline.**

Being active online means posting, commenting, and sharing positive Rotary stories via social media. It's that simple. Being active offline means you'll need to be able to have meaningful and interesting conversations about Rotary and who we are and what we do to anyone and everyone.

### 2. **Wear the Rotary Brand.** Wear the Rotary logo on your hat, wear your club shirt or Rotary lapel pin out in public, or change your FaceBook profile picture to the Rotary logo for a week. You never know who you will run into or who will see it and the conversations that may be sparked by seeing you wearing some great Rotary apparel.

### 3. **Tweet.** Share with your Twitter followers information about your clubs upcoming events, re-tweet Rotary International, and tweet

about your own personal involvement with Rotary.

### 4. **Invite a Friend.** Next time you are planning to volunteer at one of your club service projects or attend your club meeting, invite a friend along and/or alternatively invite them to like your Rotary club FaceBook page.

### 5. **Share on FaceBook.** Go beyond just liking your Rotary Club's or the Rotary International FaceBook page and share posts from these pages. Sharing a FaceBook post from your clubs or other Rotary page's will enable your friends to learn about Rotary and what Rotary is doing in the community.

### 6. **Tell People.** Tell your family, your work colleagues, your Facebook friends, or anyone you meet, about your involvement with Rotary. Talk about your recent involvement with a club service project. Perhaps they never knew of your involvement and were always interested in learning more about Rotary.

Your support as a Rotary ambassador helps your club and the larger organization maximize their reach and increase awareness of the good we are doing in the world! By spreading the word, you may attract participants to things like Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and Youth Exchange, raise funds for your projects, increase your online presence, and most importantly recruit members into your club.

**So STAND UP in 2017  
and make yourself  
an ambassador for Rotary.**



## Rotary announces new Chief Philanthropy Officer



**ERIC SCHMELLING**  
General Manager and Chief Philanthropy Officer

Evanston, Ill. (Jan. 25, 2017)

Rotary taps fundraising expert, Eric Schmelling, to manage philanthropy and fundraising for the humanitarian service organization's \$1 billion charitable arm – The Rotary Foundation.

As the Chief Philanthropy Officer, Schmelling will lead the area responsible for facilitating contributions to The Rotary Foundation. The foundation, celebrating its centennial, has a one-year fundraising goal of \$300 million. It grants over \$200 million annually to eradicate polio and funds projects and scholarships in communities worldwide.

"With over 20 years at Rotary, Eric brings a deep understanding to this role," said John Hewko, general secretary of Rotary. "Under Eric's guidance in his previous roles, we have seen tremendous growth in overall contributions, including in our effort to end polio. We look forward to continued success under Eric's leadership."

Schmelling began his career at Rotary in 1995 and has held several positions, including director of planned and major gifts. "It is truly an honor to work for an organization dedicated to making the world a better place," said Schmelling. "I have invested much of my career here because I believe in Rotary's mission to end polio and provide those in need with access to clean water, education, peace, healthcare and economic opportunities. As chief philanthropy officer, I am excited to help lead the organization's efforts to make sure we have the financial resources to continue improving communities worldwide."

Schmelling is an alumnus of Beloit College in Wisconsin and received his M.A. from Central European University in Hungary. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Evanston Lighthouse.



## Teaching the teachers

After decades of investing in literacy projects, experts have realized that simply getting children into the classroom — either by removing attendance barriers or providing supplies — is not enough. Before students can succeed, the quality of the teaching in that classroom needs to improve.

**Click to discover how Rotary is mentoring and coaching teachers to solve illiteracy.**

*“Education, learning, and skill development will be increasingly important in the future,” says Justin Van Fleet, commission director and Chief of Staff to the UN Special Envoy for Global Education. “By 2050, the population of Africa will double, and billions of people will move to cities from rural areas as technology and automation replace up to half of today’s jobs.”*

*“A teacher can go to training and take it back to their classroom. But maybe it doesn’t work because you left a piece out, or maybe the teacher tries it and decides it doesn’t work so they aren’t going to do it again.” “You need somebody there to coach and model and give you feedback. To say ‘You’re doing great, but let’s look at this little corner and shape it differently.’ ” says Carolyn Johnson C a Rotarian who helped design the curriculum for the project and now serves as a technical adviser for Guatemala Literacy Project.*



Experts agree that the more opportunities students have to be involved in the learning process, the better they do in school.

## New Generations Service Exchange

New Generations Service Exchange is a short-term, customizable program for university students and young professionals up to age 30.

Participants can design exchanges that combine their professional goals with a humanitarian project.

### What are the benefits?

- ◆ Make connections with service-minded community leaders in another country
- ◆ Learn another language
- ◆ Build your professional skills and gain international experience
- ◆ Travel and explore a new culture while giving back through service

### What is an exchange like?

With your host Rotary district, you’ll plan activities that can include networking, relationship building, humanitarian service, professional development, and leadership training. Exchanges:

- ◆ Last from a few weeks to six months
- ◆ Can be arranged for individuals or groups
- ◆ Need not be reciprocal

### How much does it cost?

Costs vary by Rotary club or district. To reduce expenses, Rotary members often provide homestay options, arrange no-cost internship or job-shadowing programs, and offer other financial assistance.

### How do I apply?

University students and professionals up to age 30 — including current and former Rotaractors and former Interactors, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants, and Youth Exchange students — are encouraged to apply. You don’t have to be a member of Rotary to participate in an exchange.

Although each Rotary club determines its own eligibility criteria, all participants should demonstrate a strong commitment to service and the ideals of Rotary. Contact your local Rotary club to see what exchange opportunities are available and what the application process involves.

### Can I host a New Generations Service Exchange participant?

Hosting a New Generations Service Exchange participant brings an international experience directly into your home and can be incredibly rewarding. Host families provide room and board and share their lives with exchange participants, involving them in family, community, professional, and cultural activities. Contact your local Rotary club to see how you can become a host family.



### Paulina

*I had opportunity to live in Brazilian family and learn about local customs. Rio de Janeiro is the most amazing city I ever saw. I think going for exchange is always a good decision.*

### Yasmin

*I can surely say that it deeply helped my personal and professional growth, in ways that I haven’t probably fully grasped yet.*



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## Crossing the Choluteca bridge

*By Neal Beard, a member of the Rotary Club of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, USA*

For the past eleven years, I have traveled to Honduras with many other Rotarians to help on numerous Rotary humanitarian projects in the southwestern part of Honduras near the Pacific Ocean and in the mountains along the Nicaraguan border.

The journey there takes me from Lawrenceburg via Nashville and Atlanta to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and then down a long mountain road that connects with the Pan-American Highway that crosses this bridge. The journey is not as important as what lies on the other side of the bridge. On the other side lies my destination and that is where the adventure begins.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers built this bridge between 1935 and 1937. It is one of the few replicas of the Golden Gate Bridge that still exists, and it controls the flow of traffic from Guatemala to Panamá.

It serves as a metaphor for our work in Honduras, where we try to be a bridge between the advances and prosperity



**The Choluteca bridge is a suspension bridge in Honduras built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers between 1935**



**A homestead in southwestern Honduras.**

that we enjoy in the United States today and the less-advanced conditions and poverty that lies on the other of the bridge.

For me, it is like traveling back in time about 50 years. It so much reminds me of the poverty and conditions of my early childhood when some homes around us still did not have electricity. A time when we had to rely on the charity of others, when most of the clothes that

we wore were used, purchased at a second-hand store, or given to us. A time when we raised most of our food, milked cows, slopped hogs, and raised chickens. A time when we were proud of the things we had and were happy and unknowing of the prosperity that many enjoyed beyond our kin.

Helping the people of Honduras have a better, healthier life is rewarding for me; it's a way of going back and helping that young woman and child and his brothers and sisters – the young woman and siblings of my youth.

You can't pay back all of the people who helped you become who you are, but you can pay it forward and help others – that is the reward of Rotary's humanitarian service in our world.

## West Africa Project Fair captures the essence of Rotary

*By Brett Davis Sr., Rotary Club of Kennebunk, Maine, USA*

My adventure started when our club president presented the opportunity to travel to Port Harcourt, Nigeria, to attend the West Africa Project Fair and participate in polio eradication efforts. I took advantage of this opportunity and what a tremendous trip it was!

The first of many wonderful experiences during the trip involved a 5 kilometer walk to raise awareness of polio on World Polio Day. We joined Rotarians and polio survivors in the heart of Port Harcourt. Many of the polio survivors were using their hands to propel their respective skate-board like



**Nigerian Rotarians and polio survivors raise awareness for polio eradication in Port Harcourt on World Polio Day.**

transportation devices along the roadway. I was inspired as they chanted "End Polio Now," and "Kick Polio out of Nigeria." I was humbled to be in Nigeria – one of three countries still battling polio, and to be walking side by side with a hundred or so courageous survivors of this terrible disease. It strengthened my resolve and gave me a renewed conviction to do my part to End Polio Now!

On top of that, the passion and commitment of the West African Rotarians blew me away! The love and commitment they have for one another and the passion they have for their neighbors is absolutely amazing to behold. Everything from their club meetings to the projects they are involved in is infused with joy, vigor, and compassion. I am so impressed with the sheer number



**Brett Davis Sr. (left) and John Cammin Sr., a member of the Rotary Club of Saginaw Valley, Michigan, USA.**

and extent of the service projects the Rotary clubs are working on. Projects involving clean water for schools, polio rehab facilities, health clinics, sanitation facilities, workshops to give widows vocational training, and more. These clubs epitomize Service Above Self.

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## The best of both worlds: Rotary and Rotaract

**By Fernando Pinto Nercelles**

When I learned about the changes approved by the 2016 Council on Legislation that allowed Rotaractors to join a Rotary club while maintaining their Rotaract membership, I immediately saw an opportunity and knew that I had to take it. Why?

It's quite simple, I feel dual membership is one of the most effective ways devised to achieve the best of both worlds. Rotary and Rotaract combined is an approach that definitively and once and for all, leaves behind the prejudices of age, maturity, money, prospects of service, and friendship.

This challenge put in front of us gives us the unique opportunity to get the best of Rotaract and Rotary. Dual membership in Rotaract and Rotary allows us to build more dynamic clubs with greater scope of perspective, more debate, more ideas, and more and better

### Rotary means family

*By Emily Koerner, a former Interactor, native of Toms River, New Jersey, and student at the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania, USA*



Emily Koerner with her father (left) and the past president of the Central Ocean Rotary club (right).

### 5 ways to use the new flexibility

1. Change your meeting schedule.
2. Vary your meeting format.
3. Relax attendance requirements
4. Offer multiple membership types
5. Invite Rotaractors to be members of your club

service in more communities. I think we should not forget the most important part of Rotary—Service Above Self. I am grateful to my friends of the Rotaract Club of Vitacura, Chile for teaching me that.

Rotaractors bring new energy and motivation to everything we do and develop dynamic friendships and professional networks with everyone we meet. And now, as a Rotarian too, I have made a renewed commitment to continue learning and growing together with those who know best the path of service, but also to serve as a bridge between both worlds. My hope is that more Rotaractors will join Rotary every day, expanding the limits of our service.

We must continue to explore and refine this important new opportunity, delivering clear ideas and effective advice on how to properly implement dual membership in our clubs and districts. For example, my club, the Rotary Club of Huelén is composed of almost 40

I often wonder what other people think about when they hear the word “Rotarian.”

Since I was about 10 years old, I attended many service events with my dad (a member and past president of the Central Ocean Rotary Club in Toms River, New Jersey). The members welcomed me with open arms, laughs, and, of course, a ton of work to be done.

I learned about camaraderie and good work ethic at a young age. I also learned not every family was like my own. Not everyone has my abilities, my health, or my amazing parents. Not everyone has food at their table, a steady job, or a home. But together, the Rotarians work hard to extend a helping hand to anyone struggling to lift them up.

### For me, Rotarian is a synonym for family.

For over ten years, I've attended lunch meetings and listened to their guest speakers and their discussions about the future for the club. We've painted houses, planted dune grass, auctioned gift baskets, and much more. My Rotary club faced the challenges of gaining new members, losing old ones, and

percent former Rotaractors and the Rotarians in the club understand the importance of including young people in service.

As a younger professional, I do not have the means to afford expensive dinners, not to mention high membership fees. So my new Rotary club made the decision to charge me only the Rotary International dues, and not a penny more. The opportunity to be a Rotarian was within my reach and today it is a reality.

I invite and encourage my fellow Rotaractors to dare. Approach your sponsoring Rotary clubs or other clubs in the area and ask about the options. Or, if you can't find a Rotary club that's right for you, start your own. It's possible! And to my fellow Rotarians, I invite you not to wait for the Rotaractors to approach you, come and invite them to join your clubs. Just like that, we all contribute to a more committed Rotary — a Rotary Serving Humanity.

enduring Hurricane Sandy. However, they've always grown and never failed to help those in need.

They refuse to give up caring for others as well as each other.

Just like Rotary, I, too, have grown the past decade. I joined community service groups throughout middle school, high school, and my university. I was president of my Interact club. I have spent ten amazing days at a girls' orphanage in Mexico City. My Rotarian family has given me hope for the future and inspiration to push myself every day. I have no other way to repay them for their influence and support except to lead my life as a true Rotarian would.

My request for other Rotary clubs is to reach out to children or teenagers and encourage them to volunteer or work alongside you. Perhaps they will be a future member. Perhaps they won't. But the experiences of witnessing your passion and compassion for others will leave a mark and last a lifetime.

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**If Interactors Ruled the World**



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**#3** Interact Club of Tunis Inner City  
**If Interactors Ruled the World**



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## How my first trip to Africa changed my life

By Shapreka Clarke, president of the Rotaract Club of Eleuthera, The Bahamas

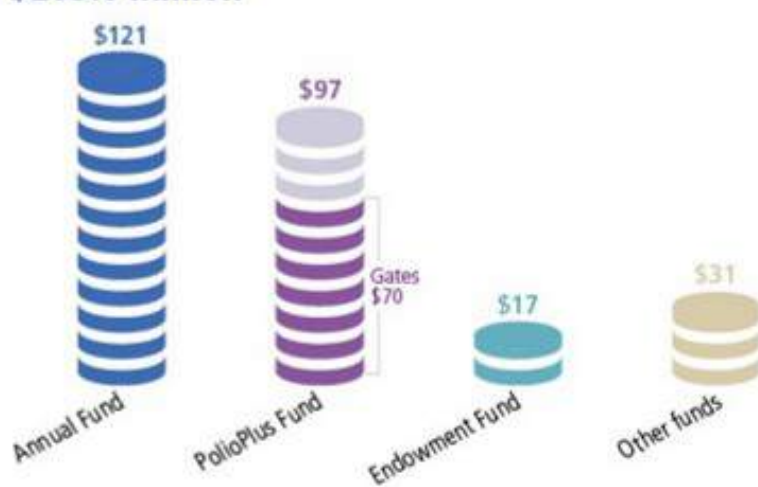
After an 18-hour flight from The Bahamas, I finally arrived in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, on 19 October to participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> West Africa Project Fair. As I stepped off the plane onto African soil for the first time, I did not know the adventure that was ahead of me, the lasting friendships I would make or how my life would forever be changed. That first moment getting off the plane, I remember being very excited and a little nervous.

Through the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Rancho Cotati in California, I was able to embark on this journey with 34 fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors from the United States and The Bahamas. The West Africa Project Fair, the primary purpose of our trip, gave our group an opportunity to discover the various projects Rotarians across Africa are undertaking. It also allowed us to form partnerships with projects we were interested in supporting.

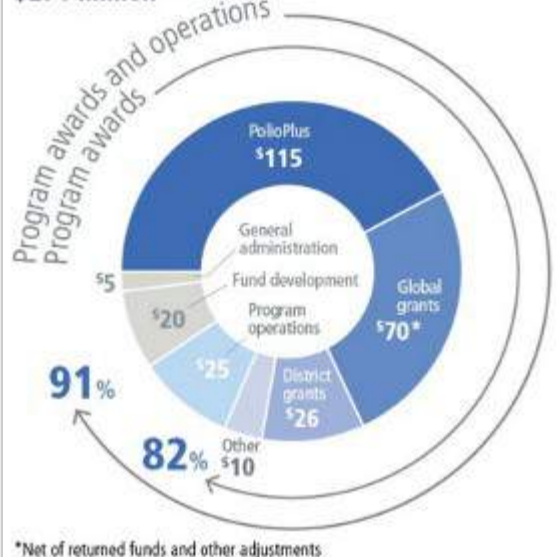
While at the fair, I presented with Rotaractors and Rotarians from the Bahamas, California, and Yenagoa, Nigeria, about our joint Telemedicine Project. Telemedicine allows doctors from California to connect with doctors in under-served areas to consult on diagnoses and treatment plans. Despite the distance, doctors have consistent access to mentors and educational opportunities through telemedicine. Our booth raised awareness about the project and encouraged clubs across Africa to participate, while forming new partnerships with clubs in the United States.

This trip allowed me to better understand how important Rotary is in other parts of the world. I was given an opportunity to engage in field work in the local communities, create strong friendships with the West African Rotarians and Rotaractors, and participate in hands-on humanitarian and health-related work. It was truly a life changing opportunity.

### 2015-16 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (in millions)



### 2015-16 TOTAL EXPENSES (in millions)



\*Net of returned funds and other adjustments





# Why I have come to love India

By Cynde Covington,  
Rotary Club of Southpoint,  
Jacksonville, Florida, USA,  
and Zone 34 team leader

Picture left:

Cynde Covington administers drops of the polio vaccine during a previous visit in India.

**This is our fourth National Immunization Day (NID) trip to India and our third leading the NID Team from Rotary International Zone 34. I have fallen in love with this magnificent, beautiful country and the people who live there.**

It is overwhelming when you arrive for the first time and your senses are assaulted by all the different sights, sounds, and smells. But as you begin to explore and really get to know India and the people who live there, you will soon come to know the "Hospitality of the Heart" of this country as I have.

In 2009 on our first NID, polio was still endemic in India, and in fact had more than half of the cases of polio in the world at the time. People said we would never eliminate polio in India. But this is a country that was committed to the cause and the Rotarians and health care workers in India were dedicated to making sure that polio would not win.

With the help of Rotarians around the world, by the end of 2011, India stood out as a shining example of how to win this war when they saw the last case of polio in that country. Rotarians also understand that until polio is eradicated from the world, their children and all children are still at risk. They have kept their vigil and shared their knowledge with the countries that are still endemic as they continue to fight on the front lines to END POLIO NOW and forever!

As we work side by side with local Rotarians and the people of India; on water and sanitation projects, health and education projects, and of course the reason for our visit...the Polio National Immunization Day, we are seeing some of the most amazing and beautiful sites along the way.

**Follow our frequent updates, and I know you will come to love this country and its people as much as I do. Together we can make a difference, through "Doing Good in the World."**

Picture below

Cynde Covington holds a child awaiting to be immunized against polio...



...and the smile says it all

## Learn how you can help us end polio.

[CLICK TO READ MORE](#)







# ROTARY PEACE CENTER UNIVERSITY PARTNERS

University of Queensland  
Australia

University of Bradford  
England

International Christian University  
Japan

Uppsala University  
Sweden

Duke University and University of  
North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
United States

Chulalongkorn University (3-month certificate program)  
Thailand

## ROTARY PEACE CENTERS FELLOWSHIPS

**EMPOWERING  
THE LEADERS OF  
TOMORROW**

**STRENGTHENING  
THE LEADERS OF  
TODAY**

Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders who promote cooperation, peace, and conflict resolution in their communities and around the world. Fellows are chosen for their ability to have a significant, positive impact on world peace throughout their careers.

38% NGOs

20% Government agencies

10% Other

8% Teaching

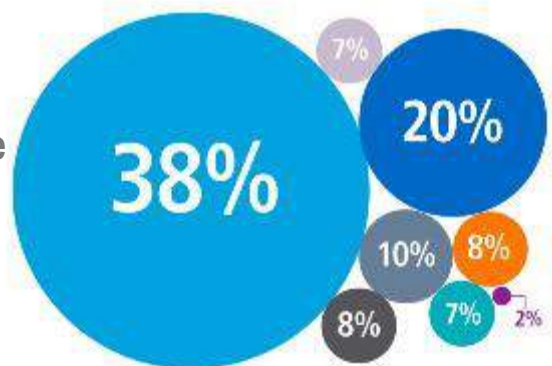
8% Pursuing advanced degree

7% Research/academics

7% United Nations Agencies

2% Journalism

### ROTARY PEACE CENTER ALUMNI BY PROFESSION



**The Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 900 fellows for careers in peace building.**

Rotary Peace Fellowship application for the 2018-19 academic year is now available. Application deadline is 31 May, 2017.

**For more information and application process  
Visit**

**<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/get-involved/exchange-ideas/peace-fellowship-application>  
or contact [rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org](mailto:rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org)**





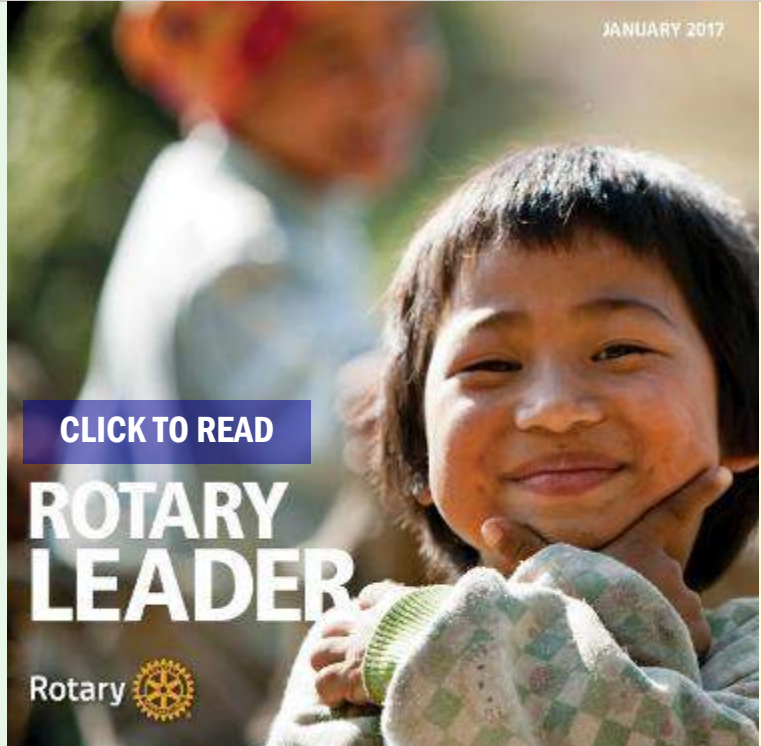
## Education on the front lines

In Nigeria, a university president takes on Boko Haram.

- ♦ [The Rotarian Conversation with Gary Haugen](#)
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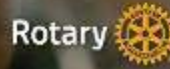
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## ROTARY LEADER



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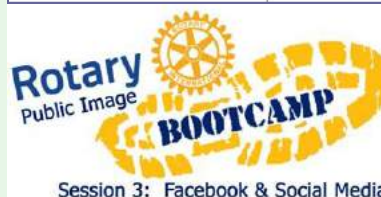


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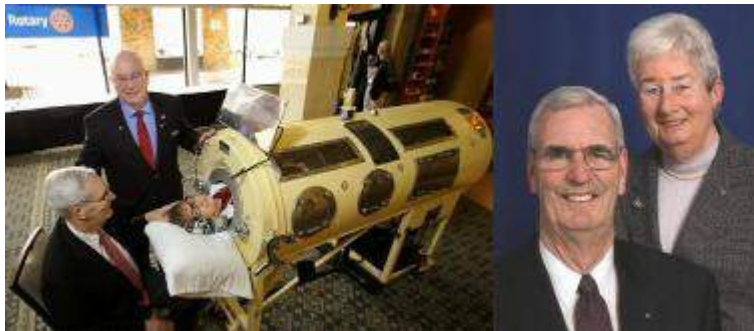


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# A Sneak Peek at DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2017 MAKING IT HAPPEN! MAY 4 - 7 @ Seattle Marriott Waterfront Hotel.

## OUR SPECIAL GUESTS



Dr. Bob Scott and his wife, Ann. Bob served as Chair of the International PolioPlus Committee from 2006 to 2014. Bob has also served as District Governor, RI Vice President and Chair of the Rotary Foundation. Bob continues to be an active Rotarian and Polio Warrior and will share his personal stories and a polio update as we enter the final stages of our fight to eliminate polio.

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE BOB SCOTT STORY.](#)

## ROTARY PRESIDENT JOHN GERM'S REPRESENTATIVE GREG YANK

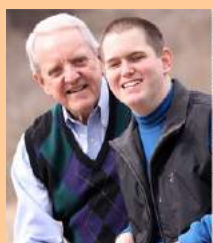


**Greg is a Rotary International Director-Elect and will serve on the RI board from July 2017 to 2019.**

**He will be one of 17 directors serving in this capacity.**

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE ABOUT GREG YANK](#)

## SPEAKERS



**HK Derryberry** - by every measure, DK's life is truly a miracle. Born prematurely following a motor vehicle accident that took his mother's life, living with blindness and cerebral palsy, HK displayed an extraordinary will to overcome his challenges. His life was further changed when he met his mentor, Jim Bradford.

[CLICK TO VISIT DK'S WEBSITE.](#)



**Maness Samuel** graduated in 2011 from the first class at Atsikana Pa Ulendo (Girls On the Move) Secondary School in Malawi, Africa. Maness was selected to attend Pearson College in British Columbia on full scholarship and is now at the University of Oklahoma. The goal of the APU Education Project is to provide quality education to impoverished girls from rural areas.



**Jermaine Ee** is a Rotaractor who overcame bullying and a difficult early life to transform himself thanks to Rotary, Rotarians and others. He has led marketing campaigns on YouTube that gained millions of viewers and created Candeavor - a social media digital marketing agency with partner and fellow Rotaractor and Rotarian Mitty Chang.



**Marshall Warren** has climbed the highest mountain on every continent in the world: The last of "The Seven Summits" was Mt. Vinson in Antarctica at -30C in 2015 at the age of 60. A pilot with Delta Airlines who only started climbing at age 46, Marshall will talk about his adventures, setting goals and the importance of perseverance in reaching them.

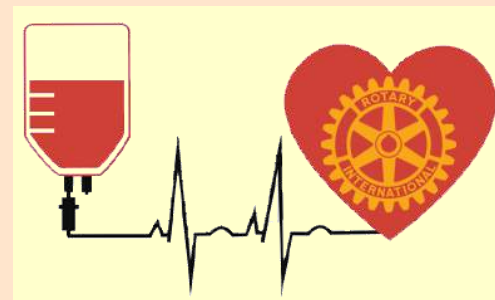


**George Lewis** is known as the Water Man for his commitment to provide clean drinking water to people in 37 countries. George sells his paintings to raise funds for Rotary Water Global Grants and for PolioPlus. George played for the Boston Red Sox, worked as a broker and is a Rotarian from Florida



**Anil Srivratsa** is a media specialist from Bangalore, India. He is on the road circling the globe to promote the Organ Donor Project. His Gift of Life Adventure aims to raise a million donors. His trip coincides with the 5th Anniversary of Governor Scott's kidney donation.





## Start the party early on the Rotary Make It Happen Train



We board the Amtrak Cascade from Vancouver to Seattle on Thursday morning - with stops in Bellingham, Mount Vernon, Stanwood and Everett!

**All this and more - find the full details and registration at**  
[www.district5050.org](http://www.district5050.org).

**Meet up with old friends and make some new ones!**

## Duck Tour



Thursday afternoon we Ride the Ducks and explore the sights of Seattle on dry land and in the water!



## Seattle Mariners Game

Spend Thursday night at the ball park in a box suite at Safeco Field enjoying food, drinks, fellowship and fun as we take you out to the ball game.



**On Friday morning, enjoy a personalized tour of  
 The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**  
**Our partners in the war to end polio**



## COMING EVENTS

### 11 FEBRUARY, 2017 DISTRICT GRANTS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR (USA)

9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Bellingham Golf & Country Club  
3729 Meridian Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
FEE CDN \$45 (each)

Clubs must qualify 2 people each year  
to be eligible to apply for Matching Grants.

All Presidents-Elect MUST attend  
and also one other member of the Club

### 24 - 26 FEBRUARY, 2017 2017 PACIFIC NORTH-WEST PETS PRESIDENT ELECTS SEMINAR

Doubletree Hotel - Seatac Airport 1  
8740 International Boulevard, Seattle, WA

### 4 MARCH, 2017 ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Sunrise Conference Centre  
(also called 5 Star Catering) 5640 188th Street, Surrey, BC

### 11 MARCH 2017 PR BOOT CAMP #3

#### FaceBook & Social Media

8.30 am to 2.30 pm  
Silver Reef Casino Hotel  
4876 Haxton Way, Ferndale, WA

### 1 APRIL, 2017 DISTRICT TRAINING SEMINAR

Kwantlen Polytechnic University,  
12666 72 Ave, Surrey,

### 4 - 7 MAY 2017 DISTRICT 5050 "MAKE IT HAPPEN"

At Seattle Marriott Waterfront Hotel.  
Further details and registration can be found [here](#)

Activities have been added on  
Thursday evening and Friday morning.

REGISTRATION RATES INCREASED TO  
**\$325** (Deadline 28 February 2017)  
**\$350** (from 1 March 2017)



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

SATURDAY JUNE 10 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017



### Meet us in Atlanta, Georgia

This will be a Convention not to be missed as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation and, we hope, the long anticipated final case of polio! We expect many local Rotarians to join us - the cost for a North American Convention is very affordable, and we've got lots to celebrate. So, join

fellow Rotarians from District 5050 and around the world.

REGISTRATION IS EASY -

JUST GO TO [http:// www.riconvention.org/](http://www.riconvention.org/) and click the Register button.

## PRESIDENTIAL PEACE CONFERENCES 2017

9 - 10 JUNE, 2017

Georgia World Congress Center 285 Andrew Young  
International Blvd NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30313

Keynote speaker is Dr. Bernice A. King, chief executive officer of The Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change and the youngest daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King.



For more information and to register,  
visit <http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta/presidential-peace-conference>

10 - 14 JUNE, 2017  
@ RI Convention 2017 Atlanta, Georgia





**Rotary**  
DISTRICT 5050

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**2 MAR**

**COQUITLAM**  
**Inaugural Sports Gala Dinner**

Hard Rock Casino  
Vancouver  
2080 United Boulevard  
Coquitlam, BC



**Rotary**  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
*matters*

## DISTRICT 5050 MEMBERSHIP MATTERS SEMINARS IN YOUR AREA

Many Rotary Club have been focused on membership for the past several years.

How are we doing? The short answer is - not as well as we might like.

The Membership Matters Seminar is a four hour focused seminar that has produced excellent results in the Districts that have adopted the key elements from the seminar. Last year, this event was very well received.

### Who should attend?

Rotary Membership Chairs, Membership Committees and Rotarians who want to learn more about some of these new membership approaches!

Cost for each seminar \$20 per person

**February 11th**  
**8 am to 1 pm**  
**Everett Community College,**  
**Jackson Centre**  
**REGISTER HERE**

**February 18th**  
**8 am to 1 pm**  
**Rotary Fieldhouse,**  
**South Surrey**  
**REGISTER HERE**

**March 18th**  
**8 am to 1 pm**  
**University of Fraser Valley**  
**Main Abbotsford Campus**  
**REGISTER HERE**

**SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB**

TICKET \$100  
ADMISSION FOR ONE

**25TH ANNUAL**  
**OYSTERFEST**  
*Dinner & Auction*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016  
BELLINGHAM GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB  
6:00-10:00PM

**22 APR**

**EVERETT**  
**AVID Walk-a-Thon**

Sequoia High School  
Everett, WA 98201  
United States

**10 FEB**

CLICK FOR MORE INFO

**WELCOME**  
TO Fabulous  
**LAS VEGAS**  
**BELLINGHAM**

6:00 - 10:00 PM AT THE MT. BAKER THEATRE

**EVERETT**  
**Rotary AVID® Walkathon**

**MAY 6**  
9:00 - 11:00 AM  
ESD - Memorial Stadium  
3900 Broadway, Everett, WA

\*AVID—Advancement Via Individual Determination

**10 FEB**

**EVERETT**  
**Rotary Ski Fellowship**  
**at Stevens Pass**

Joe Gaffney will be having his motor home for a pre-funk get together!

**11 MAY**

**PORT MOODY**

**SEARCH**  
FOR THE PERFECT  
**PINT**

7:00 to 9:00 pm  
Galleria  
Port Moody City Hall  
100 Newport Drive, Port Moody.  
**TICKETS ON SALE SOON!**

**26 FEB**

**Rotary**  
**Port Coquitlam**  
**Winter Blues Festival**

Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial

**PORT COQUITLAM**  
**CENTENNIAL**

**13 MAY**

**Rotary May Day Parade**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Downtown, Port Coquitlam

**4 MAR**

**ABBOTSFORD-SUMAS**  
**6th Annual**  
**St. Patrick's Day**

**6:00 PM Dinner & 7:00 PM Dance**

Bradner Hall,  
5305 Bradner Road, Abbotsford  
**TICKET \$50 (Includes Dinner and Dance)**

**10 JUNE**

**PORT MOODY**  
**Shred-A-Thon**

9:am to 1:00 pm  
Port Moody City Hall  
100 Newport Drive  
Port Moody, BC