



THE PEACE ARCH JOURNAL

VOLUME 30 ISSUE 12 JUNE 2017



  
Rotary
DISTRICT 5050
50% AMERICAN | 50% CANADIAN | 100% ROTARIAN
FINAL ISSUE - 2016-17 ROTARY YEAR



The Rotary Foundation's 100th Anniversary
Rotary Fellowships Month



Blue Jeans
& Bluegrass



JOIN THE ROTARY LEADERS



Mercedes-Benz Stadium Tour



Evening at the World of Coca-Cola



Evening at
Collage Football Hall of Fame



3K Walk/Run to End Polio



Delta Flight
Museum Tour

SOLD OUT

Athens Night

SOLD OUT



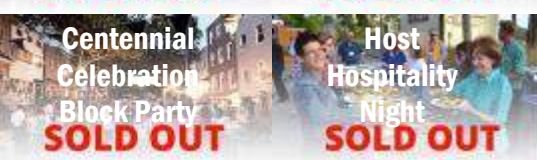
LISTEN TO KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Candlelight Vigil
End Slavery and Human Trafficking



Gone with the Wind



Centennial
Celebration
Block Party
SOLD OUT

Host
Hospitality
Night
SOLD OUT



JOIN CONVERSATIONS

District Leadership



GOVERNOR
Scott Dudley
North Whidbey Island Sunrise
184 NW Delta Ct Oak Harbor, WA 98277
Res: 360-675-6561
Bus: 800-286-4560
Cell: 360-672-0566

Email: scott.dudley@edwardjones.com

GOVERNOR ELECT

Lindagene Coyle

White Rock Peninsula

2789 Cranley Drive ,

Surrey, BC

Cell: 604-220-6856

Email:

lindacoyle5050@gmail.com



GOVERNOR NOMINEE

Linda Murray

South Everett/Mukilteo

4943 Ocean Ave.

Everett, WA 98203

Home: 425-347-6738

Work: 425 348-3850

Email: linda@evergreensecurity.com



GOVERNOR NOMINEE ELECT

Brad Whittaker

Chilliwack

10013 Falcon Crescent

Chilliwack BC, V2P 7R3

Home: 604-792-6498

brad.whittaker@ufv.ca



SECRETARY Stuart Wilson

South Surrey

14233 - 33 Avenue ,

Surrey, BC V4P 3M1

Home : 604-542-1560

Cell: 604-323-3622

Email: stuartwilson@shaw.ca



TREASURER Carlye Gillespie

Bellingham Bay

1621 Cornwall Avenue

Bellingham , WA 98225

Ph. 360-756-1010

Email: carlye@archergroup.com



THE PEACE ARCH JOURNAL

VOLUME 30 | ISSUE 12 | JUNE 2017

The Monthly Newsletter of
Rotary District 5050

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.

Please send news, articles and
photographs to Bob Knight,
editor.paj@gmail.com by the 25th
day of the month for possible
inclusion in the next issue.

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

EDITOR - PUBLISHER

Mohan C. V. Mohanan

Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial

Res: 604-941-3053

Cell: 604-618-5226

Email: editor.paj@gmail.com

www.district5050.org

New Rotary Year brings in new (old) Editor-Publisher for the Peace Arch Journal



BACK TO THE ORIGIN

The Editor-Publisher role of the
Peace Arch Journal is changing
hands again.

**A champion of the Journal is coming
back to lead the publication of this
Journal.**

**Bob Knight who has been publishing
the Journal for a number of years is
now coming back as the Editor-
Publisher, in the absence of
Mohan (C. V.) Mohanan who is
taking up the position of the Club
President with Rotary Club of Port
Coquitlam Centennial.**

**Bob will be starting the publication
commencing the July 2017 issue.**

The deadline for articles,
photographs and contributions is
25th June, 2017 and from there on
the 25th of every month for the
following publication.

Contact:

Bob Knight

by email to rdkpd@aol.com

(with "PAJ" or "Rotary"

In the subject line)

Phone (360) 568-5629

P.O. Box 612,

Snohomish. WA 98291-0612

WE MAKE IT HAPPEN!





Ending the Rotary Year with a "Drum Roll"

District Governor Scott Dudley

I want to take some time and tell you what a whirlwind and blur this past year has been for Saint Christine and I.

Starting in July of last year, I quickly realized someone told everyone that I was the District Governor as my email inbox quickly filled. We were then honored and humbled by everyone attending our DG Installation event in Bellingham which was Hawaiian themed.

We had quite a few Rotarians from the Bellingham area who invited me along on their trip to Tijuana, Mexico in October and what a wonderful experience that was! Meanwhile both Christine and I were conducting our official visits to our 57 Rotary Clubs starting the first week of September and that took us through November. Our Rotary International President, John Germ, recommended that we consider doing "cluster visits" where we visit several Rotary Clubs in the same area all at the same time. We are so glad we chose not to do that as we quickly realized that each Rotary Club has its own personality and focuses and opportunities. You treated Christine and I with so much hospitality and welcomed us with open arms. We learned all that your Rotary Clubs are doing in your communities and throughout the

World. We could not be more proud of all that we heard and witnessed on our journeys from club to club.

In November, we saw firsthand how giving our Rotary District is, as we attended our Rotary Foundation Dinner in Mount Vernon. What a success that was and it was not too long after that, we witnessed it again as we teamed up with Rotary District 5040 for the "Million Dollar Dinner" event in January where Rotary International President, John Germ and his wife Judy came to town. We spent some time with them as they wanted to not only visit those in Canada but wanted to celebrate the Rotary Club of Everett's 100th year birthday.

We also had Rotary International's President Elect, Ian Riseley, pay a visit to our District this year and attend a meeting of the Rotary Club of Chilliwack which was quite a treat.

In February, at the urging of the members of the Rotary Club of Surrey Guildford, Christine and I visited Delhi, India. We witnessed several of the 70 Rotary Clubs in Delhi in action. The projects and the work that is being done there filled us with pride.

Then to see how many of our District attended our District Conference in Seattle was amazing. We had well over 250+ attend but to see 163 of us descend upon the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation was impressive.

The support that Christine and I were given this year was beyond belief. We could not have made it through this year if it were not for the help and support of so many. We have had the pleasure of having such a great District Team, from our great Assistant Governors to those behind the scenes ensuring our District runs so smoothly.

There are a few that I especially wish to recognize, as these individuals work so hard and helped us out so much. I wish to thank, Pat Bond, who took on the role of District Governor Aide, our fantastic treasurer, Carlye Gillespie and Past District Governor, Sean Hogan, who was there to answer all my questions and I had many, as well as assist us communicating any message we had with our District.

There is no doubt this year was a success but as I look at Rotary, the best is yet to come. We will witness the last case of polio shortly and we have so much to be proud of. Thank you for all that you do. Don't keep what you do a secret - tell others all that your Rotary Club does and when you see a need in your community or throughout the World, you as a Rotarian, take care of it. That is what Rotarians do. I would say you...

"Make it Happen!"



Scott Dudley
District Governor 2016-2017
• District 5050
• PO Box 11
Oak Harbor, WA 98277
• Cell: 360.672.0566
scott.dudley@comcast.net



IN THIS ISSUE

JUNE 2017

Rotary Leadership	2
Message from District Governor Scott Dudley	3

Message from RI President	4
---------------------------------	---

RI President Elect - Ready wit and full of fun...	4
---	---

District and the Zone

District 5050 "Make it Happen" Conference	
District recognitions	5
District Conference in Pictures	6
District Awards	7
Everett Rotarians celebrate Club Centennial	8
Arlington-Marysville Service Project	9
Abbotsford's enhances playground a really	10
The Surrey Debaters	11
A satisfied stomach also feeds an enquiring mind	11
Everett's 2017 AVID Walkathon	11
Surrey present cheque for Starfish Program	12
Spotless—Port Moody's Heritage Mountain Clean up	12
Search for the Perfect Pint—Port Moody's another record ..	12
Eagle Ridge Manor thanks Port Moody Rotarians	13
11th Annual Concours d'Elegance of San Juan Island	13
Surrey Newton rides the BIG BIKE for Heart & Stroke	14
Fidalgo FUN CLUB volunteers of 2017 Wine Festival	14
Marty Pease named as the Rookie of the Year	15
Meet Phoenix MacLaren	15
SASSY Awards	16
Thousands of scholarship for dozens of kids	17
Everett Rotary awards \$187,700 in scholarships	18
Arlington High School Interact	19
Whitcomb County—Annual Youth Service Awards	19
Tri-Cities Rotaract at Fingerling Festival	20
Money raised for a great cause	20
Rodeo and Country Fair at Cloverdale	20
As seen on the Tri-City News	21
Clover welcomes new members	21
Mentors needed	22
District Membership at a Glance	23

The Rotary Foundation and us

Message from Rotary Foundation Chair	24
District Foundation Giving	25

Rotary and the World

£1.25 million gift to Rotary Foundation (UK)	26
Open Space Conference—District 5060	26
Six reasons I love Rotary's Annual Convention	27
Ashton Kutcher to speak at the Atlanta Convention	27
Rotary wins awards	28
Rotary uses virtual reality to inspire others	29
The girls of Malawi	30
Dying man spends last days fixing bikes for kids in need ...	30
Evening Clubs fill void in Nashville area	31
Serving with Rotary brings joy to my life	32
Hepatitis Eradication Rotarian Action Group	32
Giving young Rotarians a space to call their own	33
A Life-saving Journey	33
Rotarians save new borns in Brazil	34
Deeply wounded world needs Rotary Peace Centres	35
North-East PETS leaders acts to transition Rotaractors to Rotary	36
Youth all Stars Series	37 - 40
Make someone smile, and wee how it changes you	41
Trip to World War I sites provoke thoughts of war & peace. 41	
A Camp for everyone	42
Rotary - History of Celebrations	42
Rotary program boosts scientific literacy in Taiwan's schools	43
Rotary Magazines	44

Coming Events	45-48
---------------------	-------



Completing a Century of Service Rotary: Serving Humanity

JUNE 30, 2017

Message from
JOHN. F. GERM
*Rotary International
President 2016-17*

Acting on the desire to help

Growing up in Chattanooga, Tenn., my brothers and I learned young to work hard. It was a lesson taught to us by our father, who had come to the United States, alone, as a teenager. He wanted our lives to be better and easier than his had been; he wanted to give us the education and opportunities that he had missed. We always knew, when he came home at 8 o'clock in the morning after working a night shift at the paper mill, that he was doing it for us.

Looking back, through the prism of many years, I see in my father's hard work not only an expression of his love for us, but the universal desire of each generation to care for and lift up the next. And looking back at this year of -service in Rotary, I see that desire reflected in each of us who have chosen to be part of this great -organisation. It is natural for parents to want to make

things better for their children. Through Rotary, we can do so much more: We can make things better, not only for our own children, but for all children. We have the opportunity to care for and lift up those who need us the most — whether they are in our own community or on the other side of the world.

As Judy and I have travelled the world for Rotary over the last two years, we've been reminded, again and again, of what motivates us in Rotary: the simple desire to be of assistance, to give a helping hand to those who need it. Whether it means building a blood bank in Uganda, delivering an X-ray machine to a village in Guatemala, or taking care of refugees in Lebanon, Rotarians are doing what is needed most for the people who are most in need. They're working hard for the communities they care about, helping the people of those communities lead better lives.

To me, that is the essence of Rotary: that desire to be of assistance, that willingness to work for the good of others. In Rotary, when someone needs help and you can give that help, you don't walk away. You don't turn your back. You say, I'm here for you. I'll do whatever I can. And I know that whatever I do, I'm not doing it alone — I'm doing it with *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

Ready wit and full of fun

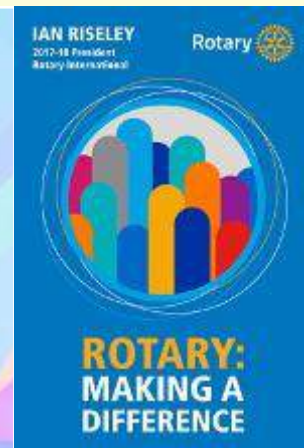


The RI President Elect is optimistic about a “massive future” for Rotary with great opportunities to do more humanitarian work and amazing community projects to make a difference.

Ask Juliet Riseley what her husband, Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley, enjoys the most about Rotary, and without a moment's hesitation she says: “It is clearly the people. There is a New Zealand saying (a Maori proverb) *he tangata, he tangata, he tangata*... it's the people, it's the people, it's the people. And for Ian, it is always the people. He gets such a lift from the enthusiasm that is there in Rotary. And there are so many ordinary Rotarians who have done such extraordinary things, and that is what both of us enjoy the most about Rotary.” She herself is a Past District Governor.

[READ MORE >](#)

Beginning a new Century of Service Rotary: Making A Difference



JULY 1, 2017

DISTRICT 5050 MAKE IT HAPPEN CONFERENCE 2017

Well deserved recognitions at the District Conference



Lots of great speakers at the District Conference for TED Talks style presentations. But the most personal one was the five year reunion of Governor Scott and his kidney recipient, Phil Rosario. Also present were Keesha Dorosz-Rosario who was the Make It Happen connector, and reporter, Brian Coxford then of Global BC who did a series of stories on the donation. Christine's spontaneous speech was one of the highlights of the presentation.

The Water Man, George Lewis, made and auctioned this painting which was won by the always generous and gregarious Frank Fagan of the San Juan Island Rotary Club. Registrar Pat Bond celebrated with a photo bomb.

Paul Harris Award from DG DeVere Scott Dudley to his father, Jim, pictured with Greg Yank (RI President's Representative and ...



another to AG and District Alumni Chair, Preet Pall.



The Rotarian of the Year Award, named in honour of the late great Ron Goldfinch was awarded by DG Scott to AG, Governor's Aide and Conference Registrar, Pat Bond.



The District Conference ended with a bang. And then a lot more bangs - as Governor DeVere Scott Dudley drummed in the Seattle Seahawk's own Blue Thunder!



**WATCH
THIS
VIDEO**

DISTRICT 5050 MAKE IT HAPPEN CONFERENCE *in pictures*



A memorable Rotary District 5050 Conference in Seattle and moved by all the moments and speakers! Kudos to Scott DeVere Scott Dudley and Christine Habina-Dudley and their volunteers for all the hard work. It was with every minute-thank you!

- FaceBook Post from Keesha Dorosz-Rosario , Rotary Club of Hayney



I was able to spend some great, quality time with my parents this past weekend at our District Conference in Seattle. I had the honor of surprising my Dad with a Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Pictured L-R: DeVere Scott Dudley, Christine Habina-Dudley, Sandy Dudley and Jim Dudley.

FaceBook Post from District Governor DeVere Scott Dudley

Continued
On Next Page





Rookie of the Year

- Cal Barnett The Rotary Club of Hope (Small Club)
- Martha (Marty) Pease The Rotary Club of La Conner (Medium Club)
- Erik Samuelson The Rotary Club of Everett (Large Club)

McLean Community Project Award

- The Rotary Club of Mission (Small Club)
- The Rotary Club of Burlington (Medium Club)
- The Rotary Club of Chilliwack (Large Club)

International Project Award

- The Rotary Club of Chilliwack (Large Club)
- The Rotary Club of Burlington (Medium Club)
- Multi-Club Award - International Project Alliance**
The Rotary Clubs of LaConner, Anacortes, Burlington, Burlington Mid-Day, Fidalgo Island, Mount Vernon, North Whidbey Island Sunrise, San Juan Island, Sedro-

Woolley, Skagit (Mount Vernon), and Stanwood-Camano Island

Public Image Award

- The Rotary Club of Mission (Small Club)
- The Rotary Club of Abbotsford (Medium Club)
- The Rotary Club of Chilliwack (Large Club - tie)
The Rotary Club of Everett (Large Club - tie)

John Vanderzicht Award

- Highest average percentage attendance**
The Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas

Keenleyside Membership Award Percentage

- Highest Percentage Membership Increase**
The Rotary Club of Cloverdale

Keenleyside Membership Award Actual

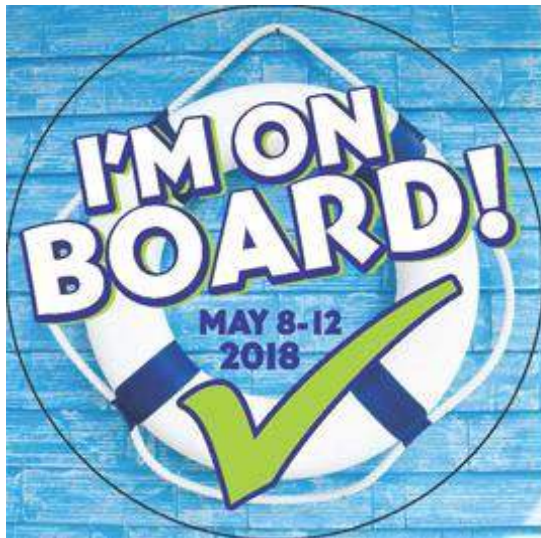
- Highest Actual Membership Increase**
The Rotary Club of Everett

White Rock Award

- Highest Attendance at District Conference based on distance and number of members**
The Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge

World Community Service Award

- Highest Per Capita giving to international programs**
The Rotary Club of Stanwood - Camano Island



The 2018 District Conference is on a cruise ship
Register early to get your cabin choice.
COME ABOARD! CLICK FOR DETAILS

Thank you to all who registered for the Welcome Aboard 2018 District conference on the MS Eurodam during this year's conference. Congratulations to our winner of the \$150 onboard credit, Stephanie and Darrell Hooper of the Burlington club.

Don't delay...book now for the May8 - 12th, 2018 conference to ensure the best selection of cabins!
Contact: Valerie Tibbetts, Registrar,
360-299-9390, valtravelq@hotmail.com



DISTRICT 5050
PEACE ARCH JOURNAL
VOL.30 ISS.02.14 MAY 2017

EVERETT

Rotarians Celebrate Arrival of Club Charter a Century Ago

Some 90 members of the Rotary Club of Everett gathered on a vacant downtown parking lot Tuesday to celebrate the 1917 arrival of the club's official Rotary Charter. The site, at Hewitt and Wetmore, was the location a century ago of Weiser's Café, where the fledgling club first met.

With club members wearing 1917-style straw hats and derbies, club historian and past president Larry O'Donnell led a reenactment of the time when the club's first president, Clayton Williams, received the charter from Rotary. The Everett club had formed just a few months before, in December 1916, fostered by Rotary Clubs in Tacoma and Seattle. O'Donnell also saluted the centennial of the Rotary Foundation, created in 1917.



Celebrating a Century:

Rotary leaders slice into a centennial cake to honor the arrival, in March

1917, of the Rotary Club of Everett's official Rotary Charter, and the centennial of the Rotary Foundation.

Dressed for THE OCCASION
Past District



Governor Lyle Ryan all dressed up at the Century Celebrations.



Past District Governors Line up

PDG Sean Hogan, DG Elect Linda Coyle, PDG Lyle Ryan, PDG Kathy

Detuerk, PDG Tom Rainville and DG Nominee Lindsay Murray

Celebrating a Century:

Some 90 Rotarians gathered on May 2 to celebrate the Rotary Club of Everett's official Rotary Charter, received in March, 1917, and the centennial of the Rotary Foundation. Club members met at Hewitt and Wetmore Avenues, former site of the first Rotary meeting spot, Weiser's Café. Behind them is the former Odd Fellows Hall, built in 1912. Shown (left to right) are Rotarians Lyle Ryan, Larry O'Donnell, Walt Greenwood, Deborah Wright, John Olson, Tom Rainville, Henry Newton, Ed Petersen and Ed Rubatino.

Read the great coverage on

HeraldNet
EVERETT, WASHINGTON

CANADIAN EYESIGHT GLOBAL

Free Eye Check-up and Cataract Camp
Gurudwara sahib, fateh Nagar, Delhi, India.
February 11, 2017

Watch the video of the Free Eye Chrk-up Camp

Our District Governor Scott Dudley and Lady Christine was present at the event.

The Rotary Clubs of Arlington and Marysville are each doing hands on service projects for the Mount Baker Council, BSA Fire Mountain camp east of Big Lake in Skagit County. On April 29, the Arlington Rotarians began the replacement of a deck on the camp's dining hall and the Marysville Rotarians were on their 2nd weekend of building staff cabins. The camp has been the frequent beneficiary of area Rotary Clubs.



Whether it is working on a Service Project or raising money for Serving Humanity, Rotarians do it in style and with smiles to Make a Difference in doing so.



Great times at the South Everett Mukilteo Rotary auction. Raising money for the great causes they support.

ABBOTSFORD

Enhanced Playground Becomes Reality at Prince Charles Elementary

On April 27, an enthusiastic group comprised of students, parents, teachers and Rotarians gathered for the groundbreaking of a fully accessible playground to be installed at Prince Charles Elementary School. This project has been six years in the making, and now Prince Charles Elementary PAC, with the support of the Rotary Club of Abbotsford and other donors, is making this dream a reality. "This year our Rotary club made a \$10,000 contribution and we are thrilled to be a part of this worthy project!" said Rotary Club of Abbotsford President, Sara Lawson. "Providing a place that provides greater accessibility for younger children and those with special needs to play is more inclusive and enhances the overall quality of school life for all children, their families and the surrounding community."

With proceeds from their 2016 Rotary Million Dollar Hole-in-One fundraiser and a Rotary District matching grant, \$10,000 was applied to the cost of the playground structure. "Doing good in the world, globally and here at home is what Rotary is all about. We are excited to contribute to this worthwhile project!"



President Sara "broke ground" with Prince Charles Elementary School kids surrounded by (l-r): Principal Cameron Friesen, PAC President Wendy Heppner, Rotarians: Stacey Irwin, Mark Dana, Megan Bartsch, Dave Loewen and Bev Hasenpflug and PAC playground coordinator Tania Bhullar.

MEADOW RIDGE STARFISH PACK PROGRAM



Rotary Club of Abbotsford being recognized as this years McLean Service Award! Well done!



District Governor Elect Lindagene Coyle with Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley and his wife Juliet at the International Assembly 2017

Commitment to Making a Difference — Together!

District Governor Elect Lindagene Coyle with Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley and District Governor Scott Dudley



SURREY-NEWTON The Debaters



Congratulations to 'the debaters' who wins \$15,000 Scholarship during an amazing event organised by the Surrey - Newton Rotary Club, thanks to President Sandy Jhand ,Dr. Sarabjit Romana and all the Surrey -Newton Rotarians.



Winners of this year's Debate is pictured with the members of the Rotary Club of Surrey-Newton.

HANEY A satiated stomach also feeds an enquiring mind



Making sure your kids have a healthy lunch that they enjoy can be difficult for a lot of families. It can be time-consuming and expensive especially if you have picky eaters and a tight budget. Rotary Club happily runs the Lunch Bag Program in which we feed 180 kids for an entire school year. Every lunchtime, we will provide lunches that typically consist of a sandwich, granola bar, fruit, and a juice box prepared and delivered by our team of gracious volunteers.

Trying to learn while hungry is very difficult. No child should have to sit in class unable to concentrate because he or she is hungry. The School Lunch Program began in 2011 and has since

flourished thanks to the many dedicated volunteers. Rotary is humbled by our participation in the program and are committed to ensuring that children and families have access to these free lunches.

If you're a family with school-aged children living in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows or want to volunteer, contact Rotary Club to get involved. We are grateful for the generosity of all those who have given their time, energy, and resources to this program. More importantly, we are blessed to have these children and their families join Rotary Club in promoting education and health throughout the school year.

EVERETT 2017 AVID Walk-a-Thon

Saturday, April 22, 2017 witnessed yet another successful AVID Walk a Thon. We had 31 Students and 27 Rotarians, plus parents, educators and alumni turn out and everyone had a great time.

The highlights of the day were when Edgar, a former AVID grad and current EVCC student turn up to support the event "because he knew how fun it was and because he wanted to stay connected".

Dr. Gary Cohn spoke as well as current Avid Student Marshawna Green from Sequoia High School.



SURREY Starfish Cheque Presentation

On Wednesday May 10th. we had an official presentation of a check for \$6650.00 from the Co-operators. Fellow Rotarian Ray Moschuk Started the ball rolling by initiating a call to his district and National Offices and just like the Rotary Foundation Grants leveraged his donation to provide funding for 10 backpacks for One year.



We had representatives from 3 Clubs - Surrey, Surrey-Guildford and Surrey-Newton, The Principal from Lena Shaw Elementary who receive the Backpacks, Serg the captain from the Salvation Army who provide storage for the groceries.



PORT MOODY Clean up Heritage Mountain - spotless

May 13, 2017

YEP.....it is 'spotless'. 10 bags of trash picked up on Saturday on Heritage Mtn. Blvd. Thanks to everyone who

came out and to Darrell for leading us. Terry & Susan got stuck in the rain. Not in the photo is Kathy who always comes to help.

Search for the Perfect Pint 2017

It also was
ANOTHER RECORD!

May 12, 2017

over 600

Record number of guests

22

Record amount of Breweries

8

Record amount of Food Suppliers,
including Ice Cream Truck

**Record amount of
Hugs**

by Claire - Nearly all the guys that live in the Tri-Cities

Record height of Dave from Genesis Security

"I still have a stiff neck just shaking his hand," Peter Cuthbert

Record dollar amount of Sponsors....

**The most important
RECORD**

**Rotary Made a RECORD
amount of money.**

Hats off to Allan

for his set-up, placing all our
breweries and food suppliers,
cars and Cycles
all in the rain.



**THE SCENE IS
NOW SET FOR
RIBFEST
2017
21-23 JULY**

PORT MOODY

Eagle Ridge Manor thanks Port Moody Rotarians

What a Welcome !

Since 2001 we have donated over \$187,000.00 to Eagle Ridge Manor.

Our club has 3 permanent programs with Eagle Ridge Manor.

- Reading Program
- Pie Days once a month
- Christmas Party and Christmas Decorating.



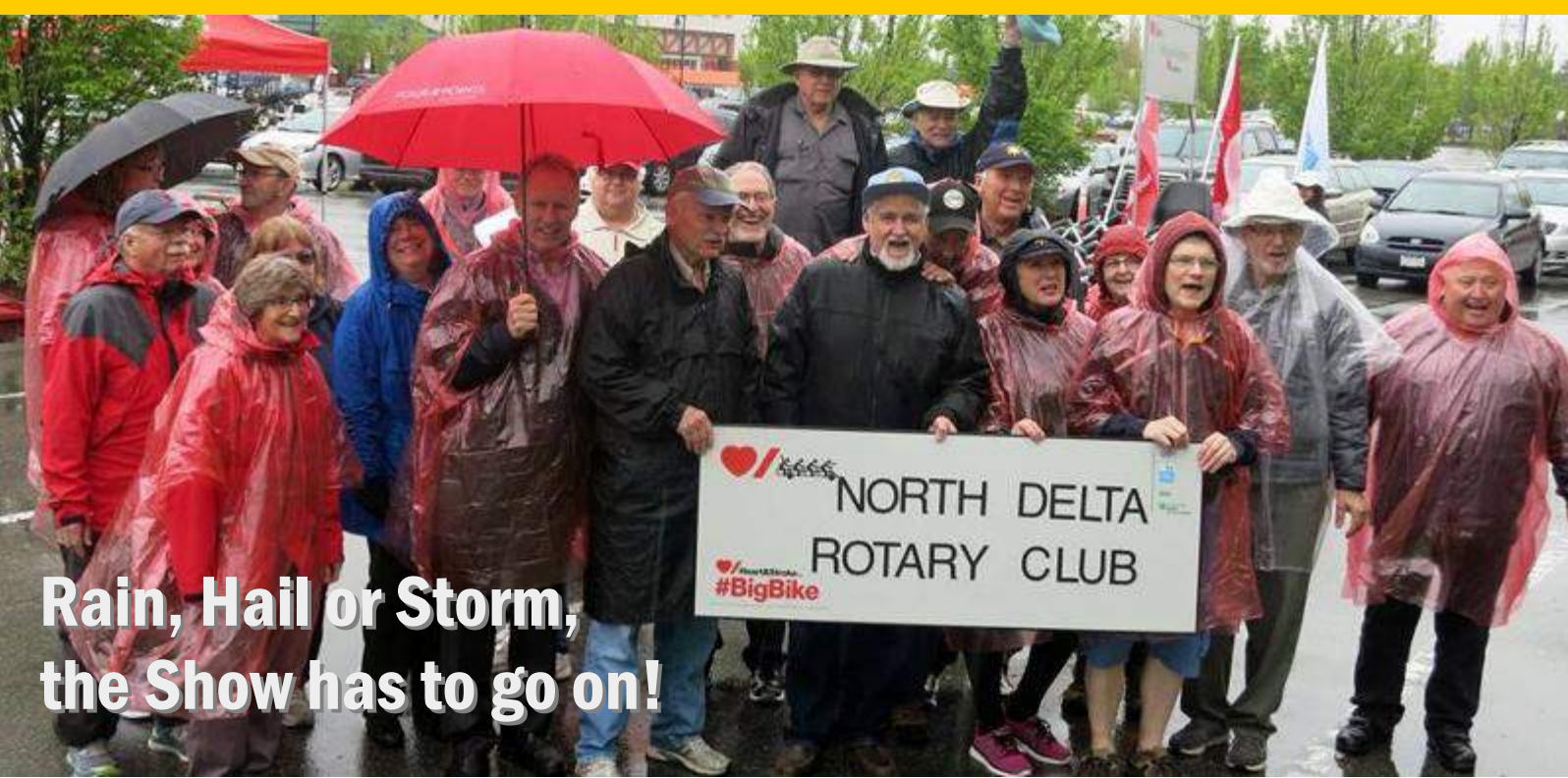
The Rotary Club of San Juan Island, in conjunction with the Sports Car Club of the San Juan Islands, is sponsoring the 11th Annual Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, August 27th at the San Juan Vineyards. We expect 60 entrants and 500 visitors.

The net proceeds from the Concours will be distributed by the Rotary Club to three local charities, Hospice San Juan, Family Resource Center and Family Umbrella Group. Additionally, \$1,000 will be donated to Rotary's PolioPlus Project. Over the past eight years, we have distributed over \$60,000 to many non-profit charities on the island.

We welcome your car entry or simply attend the event! We will have both Judged and Display Only classifications for the entrants and will be awarding prizes at the end of the day followed by our social gathering! Further details at Car Club website: www.sanjuanconcurs.org.



Further questions? Contact Rotarian Steve Bowman at 360-370-5814 or via



Rain, Hail or Storm, the Show has to go on!

Carol and Sean (the Hogans) joined North Delta Rotary Club members on the 29 seat Big Bike Ride for the Heart & Stroke Foundation on Monday. It was a soggy evening as the North Delta Rotary Club rode the 29 seat Big Bike and raised over \$3,500 for the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

BIG BIKE

Heart and stroke
Foundation of Canada

One bike. 30 Seats. 20 minutes. 2 kms. One great team working to create more survivors!

The Heart & Stroke Big Bike is a team event geared towards companies, communities organizations and groups.

And North Delta Rotary Club was part of it!

Cardiovascular disease is a leading cause of death for Canadian men and women.

As a matter of fact, every 7 minutes, someone in Canada dies from heart disease or stroke. But we can change that.

All of the money raised through Big Bike helps support the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Donations are used to help fund critical research that's preventing heart disease and stroke, saving lives and supporting survivors and their families.



FIDALGO ISLAND FUN Club Volunteers at Spring Wine Festival 2017

When it comes to wine, the Fidalgo Island FUN Club is there to help in any way possible. The Anacortes Spring Wine Festival is one of the biggest and best wine festivals in the Pacific Northwest held at the Pier One Transit Shed in Anacortes and hosted by the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce. This year's event was sold out at 1100 tickets allowing for VIPs to enjoy the festival an hour ahead of time. Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success and we stepped up! From setup to vendor liaison to backroom wine inventory, the FUN Club will help out with whatever is needed. It was so nice to see fellow Rotarians helping out the wine vendors and filling up their ice buckets or replenishing bread baskets, everywhere you turned there was a Fidalgo Island Rotary member laughing at how busy and crowded it was.

It's ALWAYS a good time when your a part of the FUN Club. Cheers!





Marty Pease accepts her Rookie of the Year Award from fellow La Conner Rotarian Dennis Milliken. The award was announced at the District 5050 Conference, held in Seattle in early May 2017.

LA CONNER

Marty Pease named "Rookie of the Year" by District 5050

Rotary Club of La Conner is honored to present Martha (Marty) Pease into nomination for Rookie of the Year. Marty joined our club on May 9, 2016 and immediately launched into numerous activities that supported the local club, the La Conner community, District 5050, and Rotary International. She has demonstrated a life dedicated to "Service Above Self"; and she exemplifies what it means to be a Rotarian.

On the Club level, Marty volunteers freely to our projects, contributing generously with her time, talents, and resources. In her first year of membership, she built parts for children's individual vegetable race cars for Skagit County's Festival of Family Farms and volunteered to help children on the day of the event; she volunteered and supported each of the clubs fund raising projects; La Conner Boys and Girls Club students were benefited with Marty's participation in an afternoon of pumpkin painting and refreshments provided by the club; Marty records and sends out weekly summaries of each club meeting and has recently assumed club secretary duties, due to the recent resignation of our 2016-17 secretary; Marty has been nominated to be our club secretary next year. Dedicated to the well-being and education of students, Marty is the co-chair of a successful Starfish-like backpack program, serving La Conner Elementary students, and she brings her dog to the school every Friday to assist with reading development with select students. In support of the club's commitment to literacy, Marty has generously supported, with her contributions, the La Conner Library Foundation.

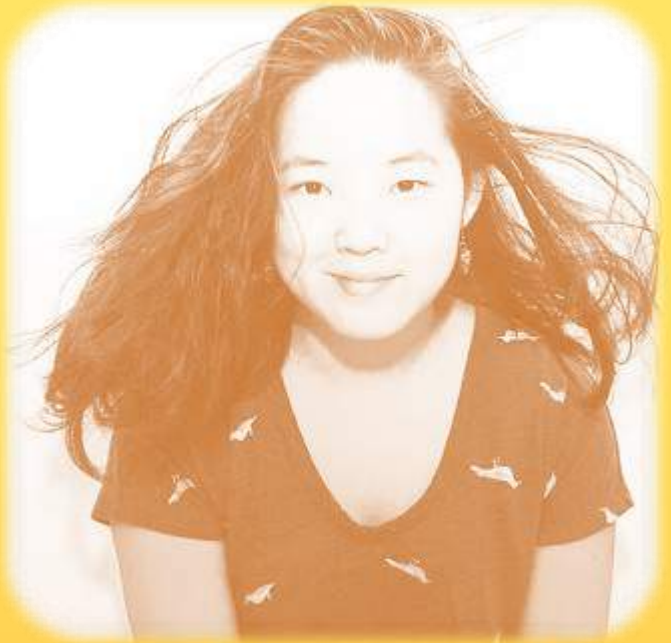
On the District and International Service levels, Marty has become very interested and involved with the multi-club International Project Alliance (IPA), which benefits several villages in the Copan region of Honduras. In addition to individually sponsoring a high school student with uniforms and educational resources necessary to continue her education, Marty traveled with an IPA team to Copan at her personal expense last winter, assisting, hands on, with numerous projects that benefited local communities and children in concert with IPA and Copan jointly determined goals and objectives. Upon her return, Marty's commitment to the region and associated projects was clearly expressed in an excellent presentation through a club

meeting program. Marty attended the 2016 District Leadership Conference, returning with shared ideas that will improve our club.

Marty is a supporter of Rotary International, committed to Every Rotarian Every Year with generous contributions.

Rotary Club of La Conner is extremely fortunate for Martha Pease's membership. As you can tell, in her first year, she has contributed mightily to the ideals of Rotary on a broad scope. Her Rotarian growth potential is clearly limitless, and her selection as "Rookie of the Year" will be an honor for Marty and our club, as well as a continuing inspiration of her work to others.

Meet Phoenix MacLaren!!



Phoenix has been on the RYLA NA board for two years now and is the Director of Promotions and Assistant Director of Programs.

Currently Phoenix is working in publishing as an online campaign coordinator and a marketing coordinator. Phoenix is the District Rotaract Representative (5050) and the Past President of the Rotaract Club of the Fraser Valley.

Here is what Phoenix has to say about Rotary and RYLA NA

"I love being able to give back to my community. The values that stem from Rotary are ones I strive to live by everyday. Youth leadership is also very important to me and I believe that Rotary continues to empower and inspire young individuals to achieve their very best."

Specifically about RYLA NA

"It's Eye opening. It's so wonderful being able to meet such a diverse range of individuals who are like-minded, Making connections with people from all over the world. Being able to experience so many different cultures in one week was refreshing and unique."



LANGLEY SUNRISE 2nd Annual SASSY Awards

For a second year, our SASSY Awards Langley committee successfully pulled off an incredible event! Not only did we recognize 20 outstanding youth in our community but we facilitated the giveback of over \$10,000 to worthy charities both locally and internationally. We are so honored to be able to provide such a great program to Langley and look forward to making next year's event even better! If you'd like to join us



Surrey Youth Award Recipients ACHIEVEMENTS, SERVICE & ACTIVISM CELEBRATED

The Semiahmoo Rotary Club and the City of Surrey presented the 7th Annual SASSY Awards this past Friday, May 12, 2017 at the Surrey Arts Centre Theatre. The Awards brought together more than 50 community organizations and honoured 63 youth from Surrey and White Rock in seven categories.

A short video of the three finalists from each category was presented at the event, and each of the successful recipients received a \$1,000 bursary as well as \$500 to donate to a Canadian charity of their choice.

- **Sports Leadership:** Yousof Al-Autman
- **Environmental Leadership:** Devansh Babla
- **Arts & Culture Leadership:** Gurmehak Bhourji
- **Overcoming Adversity:** Sukhpreet (Sam) Devgun
- **Community Service:** Premvir Singh Samra
- **Youth Leadership Award:** Shawna Narayan
- **International Leadership:** Pallvi Sehijpaul

This years awards also featured performances by Ben Dunnill - Piano/Vocal, Madelin Haugen from Circus Lab - Aerial Routine, Maya Rae - Vocalist, Eleven09 - Band and Jazz Minds, a Panorama Ridge Secondary Jazz Ensemble

The SASSY Awards showcases the achievements, volunteerism and activism in shaping the social, cultural, and economic future in Surrey and White Rock. "I find it not only inspiring, but astounding to learn more about the successes our local youth rise to, as well as the significant challenges they meet and take on at a personal level and in the world around them," says the event producer, Allan Bae-dak. "They are truly impacting not only our present, but our futures, and in a big way."



2017 SASSY Award Recipients (L-R) Sukhpreet (Sam) Devgun, Overcoming Adversity; Premvir Singh Samra, Community Service; Shawna Narayan, Youth Leadership; Gurmehak Bhourji, Arts & Culture Leadership; Devansh Babla, Environmental Leadership; Pallvi Sehijpaul, International Leadership; Missing - Yousof Al-Autman, Sports Leadership.

Rotary scholarships: Thousands of dollars for dozens of kids

MELISSA SLAGER Thu May 25th, 2017

MARYSVILLE — There were lots of smiles. Excited claps. Some nerves showing in fumbling fingers and stumbled words.

And there were some tears, too, when Juliana Cameron stepped on stage and learned she was receiving a \$15,000 scholarship from the Marysville Rotary Education Foundation.

Cameron paused with her hands over her mouth, trying to regain her composure. "Um, sorry — kind of shocked," she said, before handing back the microphone and telling Foundation President Lori Butner more than once, "Thank you so much."

The Marysville Rotary Club on Wednesday night handed out \$121,900 in scholarships to 47 teenagers.

"It's so inspiring to think these are the kids of the future," said Gayl Spilman of the Marysville Rotary Education Foundation. "It's such an honor to be part of this."

There was Kennedy Lentini, who lives with her aunt and knows the value of her \$10,000 award as she pays her way through Eastern Washington University to study marketing. "It was such a surprise," said Lentini, who put a hand over her mouth when she heard the amount. "It's a huge help."

There was Abraham Lopez, who needed \$10,000 to cover his first year of engineering studies at Western Washington University, and got it filled that night.

"I went back to my seat and was still shaking a little," Lopez said. His mom leaned over.

"Ten thousand?"

"Yeah, ten thousand. ... She couldn't believe it either," he said.

High school counselors were in attendance, offering fist pumps and high-fives. And parents and grandparents applauded, proud of their kids and happy for the civic group's support.

"It took my breath away," said Loree Cameron, Juliana's mom. "She's a great kid, works hard, and has overcome a lot this last year."

Her husband Mike Cameron died of cancer a year earlier, just two months after the diagnosis. Juliana was with her father, but also stuck to her studies. He didn't get to see his daughter accept the scholarship, and he won't see her in cap and gown next month, but Juliana said she knew what his reaction would be if he could be there.

"He'd be smiling so big. He'd be proud of me," she said.

Rotary Clubs in Snohomish County hand out roughly a half-million dollars in scholarships to graduating seniors and college students each year.

Marysville is the second club to top the \$100,000 mark.

The Rotary Club of Everett on Monday awarded \$182,700 in scholarships to 41 young people, plus a total of \$5,000 in gift cards to help 10 low-income graduating seniors buy graduation and school supplies.

In Everett, four students won top awards, each worth \$19,000 over four years.

Cascade High School's Bethany Kassala was among them. Along with other scholarships, the academic ace now has all of her education paid for, with enough left over to study abroad in Japan or South Korea, hot spots for the computer science field she's entering.

She has direct admittance to the computer science and engineering school at the University of Washington in Seattle.

"I feel really excited," Kassala said. "I almost feel as though my life is laid out for me. It's almost a breeze going through it from now on. I'm excited to start that next chapter in my life."

Ben Seaberg, of Everett High, also won one of the big Anthony G. Bozich Memorial Scholarships.

Like other students, he didn't know the amount of the award he was getting until he heard his name called from the stage at the ceremony.

"It was surreal," Seaberg said. "It was as if my prayers had been answered. And it was a humbling experience to be put in that situation. I couldn't thank the Rotary enough."



Juliana Cameron (center) is congratulated after receiving a \$15,000 scholarship Wednesday at Marysville Arts & Technology High School. Sponsored by the Marysville Rotary Club, more than \$120,000 in scholarships were awarded during the annual ceremony. (Kevin Clark / The Herald)

Smaller awards were appreciated, too.

Taylor Wold, from Everett High School, won a one-year \$1,000 Moss Adams scholarship. She plans to study business accounting at Grand Canyon University in Arizona this fall.

"I just love math and numbers," Wold said. "Even being by a desk is fine by me."

And she appreciates the math on this one. "Anything helps lessen those loans."

The same thing was on the mind of Mackenzi Chapman, a Marysville Pilchuck senior who is staring down some big bills to come on her path to a medical field. The Marysville award is flexible, too, allowing her to apply it when she needs it most over the next three years.

"It's really a blessing," she said.

Rotary members, business sponsors and individual donors pay for the awards.

In Marysville, students are ranked based on financial need, as well as academics, community involvement and an essay about Rotary and its values, including its motto to put "Service Above Self."

In Everett, school counselors help identify students, who fill out applications and are then interviewed by Rotary Club members, who make the final decisions on awards.

"Quite frankly every one of them we interviewed was quite impressive," said Russ Hermes, an Everett attorney who was on a review team.

Students' stories were "amazing," "compelling," "ridiculously smart."

"These kids are almost unstoppable," Hermes said.

Many were doing amazing academic work, often at the college level, all while staying busy with sports or community service.

Hermes was most gratified, however, to be able to give an award to every Everett student in the AVID program who applied.

AVID, which stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a college-preparatory program for students who show academic promise but are of below-average income or other reduced means.

Those kids don't always have the top grades or best SAT scores. But they have potential, and drive, Hermes said. And now they have a helping hand.

"I learned the hard way to stay street smart in a place where that's the only thing you have," wrote Alexis Luna, of Cascade High, in his application for an AVID scholarship.

The son of immigrant parents — who never reached high school in their own education — now plans to head to Central Washington University. A \$1,000 scholarship from the Rotary will help him get there.

EVERETT

Rotary Celebrates Area Students with \$187,700 in Scholarships

Some 51 Snohomish County students gained a head start last night as the Rotary Club of Everett handed out \$187,700 in scholarships funded by Rotary members and donors. The grants ranged from \$500 to \$19,000.

In ceremonies May 22 at the Everett School District's Community Resource Center, proud parents applauded as young people stepped to the front to receive their awards.

"The Rotary Club of Everett invests our time, talents and treasure in helping youth find pathways for better futures," said club president Ed Petersen. **"This includes successful education outcomes, understanding the transformative value of service and becoming global citizens. These scholarships are the culminating contribution in our Rotary year."**



In total, the club has handed out more than \$3.3 million in scholarships.

Rotarians work closely with school counselors to identify scholarship prospects. Those nominees are then interviewed by Rotary members, who make the final selection.

Supporting youth is a major focus for the Rotary Club of Everett. Club members

share their business experiences with students participating in the school district's AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) program, and in April helped organize the AVID HighFive Walkathon fundraiser for AVID projects. The club also participates in student exchange programs by sending local students overseas and hosting students from other countries.



INTERACT *in* SERVICE

Arlington High School Interact Club

On Thursday 11th May, the Arlington Rotary Interact Club spoke to the club AHS Interact Club which was started last year at Arlington High School. They spoke to how being a part of the interact club has affected their lives and prepared them for leadership in the school and in their future, as well. Interact's main goal is to help their community and the world. They strive to make positive change in the world and promote international understanding.

The interact club is a leadership club and has international and community focuses. They assist with community service projects and fundraising. They also have a lot of fun in Interact and make close relationships with other students in the club.

This year they helped with the Holiday parade and stuffing and delivering food baskets. Delivering the baskets motivated them to make a difference. There 26 students in the club. They meet every Wednesday morning before school.

This year two students went to YALE camp in Canada. The camp taught the students the motive behind being a leader and giving back to others. The students made connections with Canadian exchange students and other teens that were very different from themselves. This experience helped to open their eyes to see the difference in other people and they learned about new ways of leadership.

The club also had the opportunity to attend District Conference. They had a great time connecting with students from other clubs as well as Rotarians that they found to be kind and giving. They made connections and were inspired by the speakers. They sold candles at the conference as a fundraiser for their club.

This year the club helped out at the Point in time count. Because of their experience and the people they met, they decided to collect money for baby supplies for the Arlington Community Resource Center.

They ended up raising \$1,100. They plan to raise funds for the eradication of Polio as their next fundraising effort.



Arlington High School Interact students speaking to Rotary Club of Arlington.



WHATCOM COUNTY NORTH Annual Youth Service Awards

Our Annual Youth Service Awards Program was as inspirational as ever when we get to recognize the great service these young people provide to not only their classmates but to so many aspects of our community. Dale called the meeting to order and your editor provided the moment of reflection.

Following our lunch, President Dale graciously thanked our Youth Services Award sponsor Industrial Credit Union for their continued support of this special event. Each of the representatives from ICU were introduced. Then each of the schools of Whatcom County were called upon to present their recipient of this year's Youth Service Award. In alphabetical order (though challenging at times), the following students were awarded their plaque and scholarship and gave a brief description of their service to their schools and various areas of the community in which they live.

- Blaine's counselor Rich Vanderyacht introduced Brooke Giffen.
- Ferndale's counselor Aurora Davis told us about Madison Smith.
- Lummi High School's counselor Randy Kauai presented Simon James.
- Lyndern Christian's Superintendent Josh Vanderwiele described the contributions Brielle Lamphere has made to her community.
- Lynden's Chris Elsner introduced Brooke Scott.
- Ms. Waterman from Meridian high, told us about Ryder Bronkema.
- From Mt. Baker, school counselor Sandi Madison introduced Hamilton Seymour.
- Nooksack Valley counselor Kristina Wentworth presented Diana Barba.
- Windward High School's recipient was Izabella Kornelis.

Congratulations to not only this year's recipients, but to their parents, counselors, and school administrators who helped shaped the lives of these incredible young people.



ROTARACT BBQ A ROARING SUCCESS..... AND THEIR SMILES SAY IT ALL!

Tri-Cities Rotaract held a Fingerling Festival at Port Moody Recreation Centre and the Noons Creek hatchery on Saturday May 6. The aim of the event was to help release 40,000 salmon into Noons Creek. Over 70 environmental organisations participated. Port Moody Ecological Society has been organising this festival for the last 25 years.



ROTARY CLUB OF ABBOTSFORD-MATSQUI

Money raised for a great cause!!

Wine, beer, food and fun at Sevenoaks Shopping Centre in May at the 23rd Annual Wine and Beer Festival.



District Governor Elect Lindagene Coye at the Rodeo and country fair in Cloverdale.



Members of Rotary Club of Cloverdale is pictures at the 4-Day Rodeo and Country Fair which brings in big crowds to one of Western Canada's most popular family Events

AS SEEN ON THE FRONT PAGE OF



Digging up the dirt on daily trench life

Mario Bartel | Tri City News | 24-May-2017



Marcus Fahrner, the Port Moody Station Museum coordinator, reads a letter from home while perched in a "funk hole," the dirt cubby WWI soldiers had to dig into the walls of their trench to serve as sleeping quarters. Fahrner is one of six re-enactors who will be demonstrating the routines of daily trench life in the museum's three-part 24-Hour Trench Series June 10, Aug. 19 and Sept 16.

Marcus is currently the Vice-President and the incoming President elect of Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial

[Read full story in the Tri-City News...](#)



**Making
Rotary
proud!**



On Friday, May 12, 2017, Bob Knight picked up 80 geranium plants and took them Lisa & Mark Caldwell's house a few steps away from 1st Street in Snohomish. On Saturday Lisa & Mark were joined by Pat Knight, Brad & Katy Woods. The planter boxes are by the site of the 2005 Rotary Centennial drinking fountain donated to the City of Snohomish by former members. The City staff are very thankful for the contribution by Monroe Rotarians. and just in time for the gathering of motor cycles the weekend of May 21.



New Member Sandeep (Sandy) Kala



New Members Elizabeth Comacho and Hugo Zumeli

In May the Rotary Club of Cloverdale welcomed three new members to their club
Past President Ajay Caleb and President Mervin Kristoff pictured with the new members



Consider being a mentor and sharing your skills and experiences with young women to celebrate the 30th anniversary of women joining Rotary. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE](#)

Mentors Needed!

Share your skills and experience with young women around the Commonwealth to help them gain confidence and excel in the workplace.

The Commonwealth Women's Mentorship Scheme (CMP) aims to encourage an intergenerational partnership for sustainable development with young women as the primary beneficiaries. The call for a mentorship programme emerged from the concern that the world continues to lag behind when it comes to closing the gender gap.

The scheme aims to encourage young women around the Commonwealth to aim for leadership positions, and to endow them with confidence in the workplace and self-entrepreneurship.

Rotary International Directors Dean Rohrs and Barry Rassin have given Rotary International endorsement to this joint program.

The Commonwealth Secretariat, Commonwealth Youth Council

(CYC), and Commonwealth Youth Gender Equity Network (CYGEN) are partnering in this joint intergenerational mentorship program. Rotary will pilot the program in Rotary Districts in the Caribbean and Canada.

Dean says, *"The rights of women for equal opportunity and the ability for them to realise their full potential is very important to Canadians. Rotarians in Canada are delighted to have been asked to be part of this program and look forward to helping with this important Commonwealth initiative where the mentoring of young women will help them be full contributing citizens of the world."*

Barry states, *"To be able to expand the potential to empower women through a mentoring program can be very beneficial and Rotarians are proud and excited to be a part of the program."*

Young women across the Commonwealth are set to benefit from this program and acquire critical life skills to progress in their careers. The Commonwealth

Women's Mentorship Scheme will match aspiring young women with Rotarians who share similar interests.

At the scheme's March launch in London, the Commonwealth Young Person of the Year, Krystle Reid from Sri Lanka, spoke about the importance of having someone to help young women network, achieve personal and professional development, and rise above discrimination.

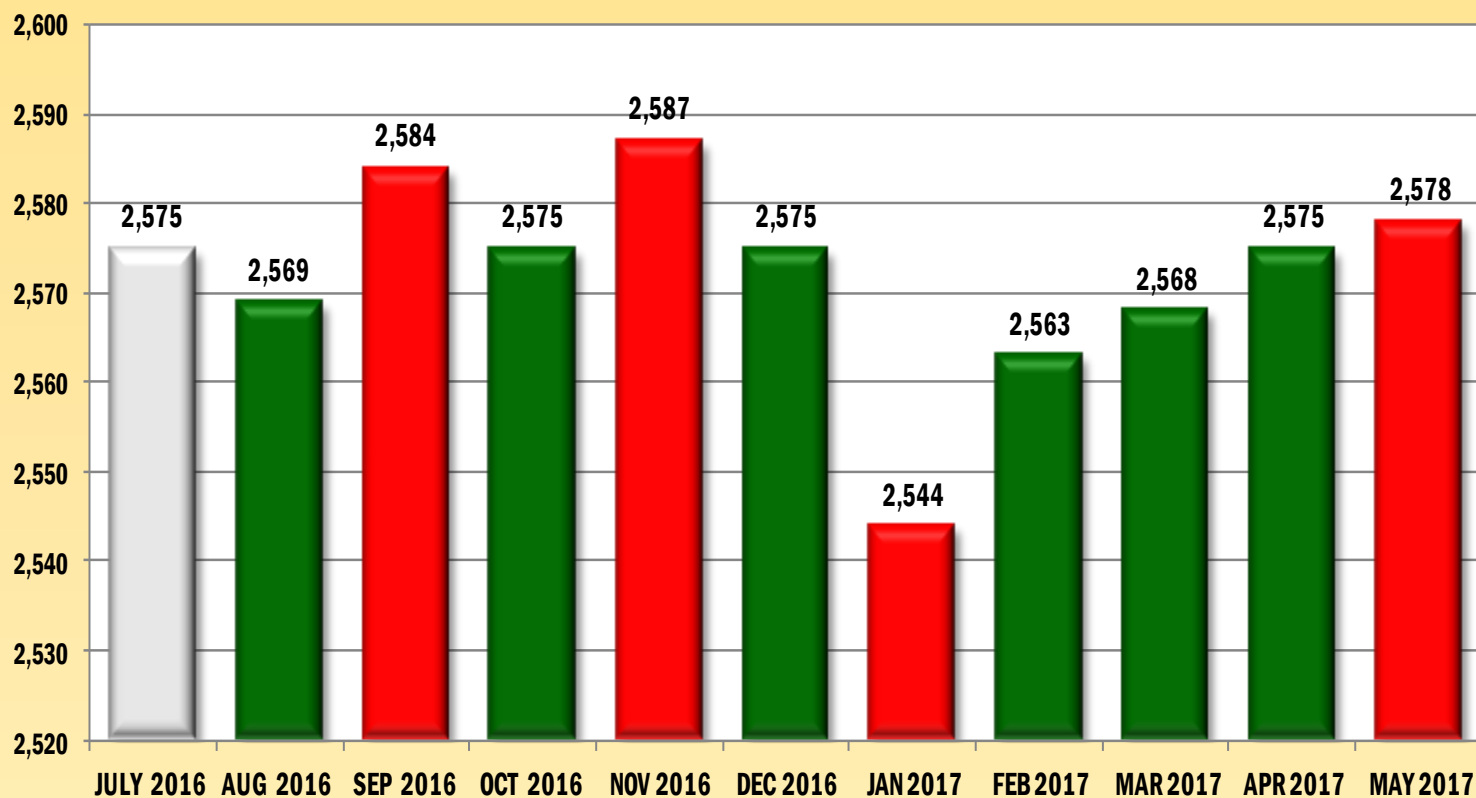
Do you see yourself as someone who can help young women build their confidence so they no longer shy away from leadership opportunities, so they put themselves forward for employment opportunities, set up a business or get into political leadership? Apply to be a mentor! The commitment is from July – December 2017.

**Contact Lindagene Coyle
for an application
at lindacoyale5050@gmail.com.**

***Together we can make a
difference through the gift of
mentorship!***

DISTRICT 5050 MEMBERSHIP AT A GLANCE

DISTRICT 5050
Rotary
MEMBERSHIP
matters



Clubs with net increase in membership as of 31 MAY 2017

Top 10 Clubs for Attendance in April

Abbotsford-Sumas	92.91%
Chilliwack	84.00%
Mission Morning	83.33%
White Rock	82.67%
Skagit Rotary	82.54%
Coquitlam	82.52%
Meadow Ridge Rotary	81.19%
LaConner	79.41%
Aldergrove	79.00%
Semiahmoo (White Rock)	78.49%



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALL CLUBS THAT
ACHIEVED NET INCREASE
IN THEIR MEMBERSHIP
AND FOR DISTRICT 5050**

1. Abbotsford-Matsqui
2. Abbotsford-Sumas
3. Burlington Mid-Day
4. Chilliwack Mt. Cheam
5. Chilliwack/Fraser
6. Cloverdale
7. Coquitlam
8. Coquitlam Sunrise
9. La Conner
10. Lake Stevens
11. Marysville
12. Meadow Ridge
13. Mission
14. Monroe
15. Mount Vernon
16. North Delta
17. North Whidbey Island Sunrise
18. Port Coquitlam Centennial
19. Port Moody
20. San Juan Island (Friday Harbor)
21. Sedro Woolley
22. South Everett/Mukilteo
23. Stanwood/Camano Island
24. Whidbey-Westside
25. White Rock Source:

My Rotary - District Report - District Growth

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Message from
Kalyan Banerjee
Trustees Chair

The
Rotary
Foundation



What can you do? Raise money, advocate for government support and share the inspirational story of Rotary's steadfast commitment to a polio-free world.

Of course, our work to end polio isn't the only compelling story we have to tell. Your club's district and global grant projects are successes that you should share with your local community and media. Tell them about the scholars you are sponsoring, the vocational training team that is visiting or travelling from your district, and the causes the Foundation supports.

After you've impressed people with the Foundation's many - accomplishments, ask them to join us — as members, supporters, or volunteers. I believe that every Rotarian should make an annual contribution to the -Foundation, because it is our Foundation, and we are ultimately responsible for its success — yet that doesn't mean that we shouldn't also encourage others to contribute. Telling others about our work — providing clean water and basic education, fighting disease, and promoting peace — helps drive interest in our Foundation and clubs.

Even though you and I won't be around to celebrate the Foundation's 200th anniversary in 2117, we begin to set the stage now. Working together, we can continue the Foundation's long tradition of good work and give future Rotarians even more reasons to celebrate.

Kalyan Banerjee
Foundation Trustees Chair

Working to ensure the Foundation's future

We've had a wonderful time celebrating all the extraordinary achievements of The Rotary Foundation's first 100 years. As we approach the end of this centennial year, it's time to turn our attention to the Foundation's future. What can we do right now to ensure that the Foundation will reach even greater heights in the next 100 years?

First, we must finish our work to eradicate polio. If we fail, we risk a global return of the disease — up to 200,000 new cases every year, within 10 years. But if we succeed, the world would enjoy a savings as high as \$50 billion by 2035. There really is no choice: We must succeed.

Rotary
MICHELE BERG

Rotary
CHRIS OFFER

Rotary
ERIC SCHMELLING

JOIN LEADERS | EXCHANGE IDEAS | TAKE ACTION

JOIN LEADERS | EXCHANGE IDEAS | TAKE ACTION

JOIN LEADERS | EXCHANGE IDEAS | TAKE ACTION

Panel Discussion

The Rotary Foundation's future is in good hands with the E/MGAs and their staff partners working to raise a \$2 billion plus endowment by 2025.

DISTRICT FOUNDATION GIVING

As of May 25, 2017, District 5050 has contributed the following amounts to the Rotary Foundation:

Annual Giving:	\$359,987.45
	(\$139.80 per capita)
PolioPlus:	\$100,721.30
Endowment:	\$12,619.06
Other Funds:	\$16,918.42
Total combined giving:	\$490,246.23

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

1	Langley	BC	\$	440.12
2	Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	\$	438.96
3	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	\$	326.28
4	Langley Central	BC	\$	316.20
5	Semiahmoo	BC	\$	315.46
6	White Rock	BC	\$	313.19
7	White Rock Peninsula	BC	\$	295.93
8	La Conner	WA	\$	284.18
9	San Juan Island	WA	\$	281.83
10	North Delta	BC	\$	251.18
11	Fidalgo Island	WA	\$	206.56
12	Everett	WA	\$	198.60
13	South Whidbey	WA	\$	197.92
14	Burlington	WA	\$	194.68
15	Whidbey Westside	WA	\$	193.96
16	Aldergrove	BC	\$	192.00
17	Arlington	WA	\$	181.53
18	Port Moody	BC	\$	172.43
19	North Whidbey Island Sunrise	WA	\$	168.54
20	Coquitlam Sunrise	BC	\$	168.23
21	Abbotsford	BC	\$	166.83
22	Lake Stevens	WA	\$	166.61
23	Coquitlam	BC	\$	156.12
24	Marysville	WA	\$	152.86
25	Chilliwack	BC	\$	151.64
26	Port Coquitlam	BC	\$	147.06
27	South Everett/Mukilteo	WA	\$	139.47
28	Monroe	WA	\$	128.60
29	Surrey	BC	\$	128.57
30	Meadow Ridge	BC	\$	128.17
31	Surrey-Guildford	BC	\$	120.76
32	Langley Sunrise	BC	\$	106.23
33	Mt Vernon	WA	\$	106.20
34	Marysville Sunrise	WA	\$	103.93
35	Bellingham	WA	\$	103.65
36	Mission	BC	\$	100.00

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

1	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	\$	338.49
2	Langley Central	BC	\$	146.61
3	Monroe	WA	\$	121.94
4	Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	\$	107.14
5	North Delta	BC	\$	107.10
6	Coquitlam	BC	\$	106.99
7	Mission	BC	\$	100.00

Rotarians Make it Happen



Canadians at the forefront

Team Canada at the 2017 Endowment Major Gifts Training Institute taking everything very seriously.

Pictured left to right: Bryn Styles, Pat Chernesky, Chris Offer, Richard Clarke and Carolyn Ferguson.

The Rotary Foundation of the United Kingdom receives gift of £1.25 million from accomplished pianist and teacher

Helen Ruddock of Suffolk, England bequeathed a generous donation of £1.25 million to The Rotary Foundation. Having passed away in 2015 at the age of 96, and although not a Rotarian herself, Mrs Ruddock had a passion for improving the lives of others.

Her introduction to Rotary and The Rotary Foundation was made by a close friend, who was a member of the Rotary Club of Halstead for a number of years.

Complying with Mrs Ruddock's wishes, the spendable earnings from her gift, known as the Helen Ruddock Foundation Endowed Fund, will exclusively fund charitable service projects in the area of water and sanitation to improve the provision of clean water and hygiene practices in communities across Africa through the Rotary Global Grants programme.

Despite not being a member of Rotary, Mrs. Ruddock exhibited many of the values of Rotary throughout her life with her involvement in her local community and by devoting her time and talents to help others.

Music was central to her life and for many years she split her time between tending the farm her parent's had owned and teaching piano, after being educated at institutions including the Royal College of Music.



Helen Ruddock of Suffolk, England, promoted the goals and values of Rotary through her leadership, service, and integrity.

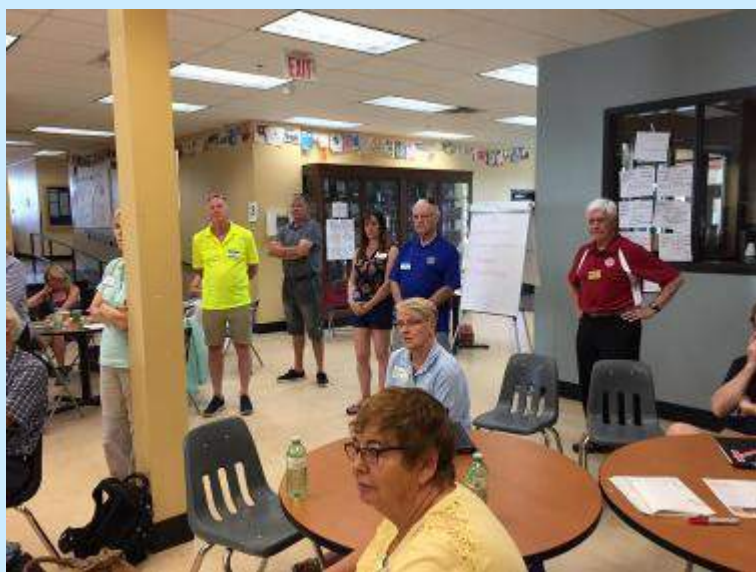
She married her beloved husband Ted in 1956 and after his death in 1970 she went on to become a highly respected piano teacher, sharing her knowledge at South Lee School in Bury St. Edmunds, Fairstead House School in Newmarket and Riverwalk School, where she worked with children with severe learning difficulties.

Renowned for her ability to inspire her pupil's to get the best out of themselves, a number of those she taught went on to study at the most prestigious universities and music colleges, with many more holding fond memories of her as a teacher.

The Rotary Foundation this year celebrates its centennial anniversary. Over the last 100 years, the Foundation has funded over \$3 billion worth of projects in Rotary's Six Areas of Focus in communities around the world.

Alison Budge from Ashtons Legal, who provided legal advice to Mrs Ruddock said:

"We are seeing more and more clients leaving money to good causes in their Wills, and know how much these charities rely on legacy gifts. I knew Helen for many years both as a friend and a client and I greatly appreciated her lively character and indefatigable spirit. Helen was very explicit in her wishes and it was a pleasure assisting her in setting up the Helen Ruddock Foundation Endowed Fund."



District 5060 tries a new training program, an open space conference. It was a great success, works for a variety of group sizes, and we wrapped up the day with a great social at a winery and cider company in Summerland.

District 5060 tries a new training program, an Open Space Conference.



6 reasons I love Rotary's Annual Convention

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

In just a few weeks, the whole family of Rotary will be converging on Atlanta for the annual extravaganza we call the Rotary International Convention.

Those of you who know me know that spending six intense days with a large group of people is something that I really do look forward to. So I can't imagine a place I'd rather be than in Atlanta with my many friends. But anticipating the event got me thinking about what specifically I look forward to in a Rotary Convention. There are so many things I had a hard time narrowing it down. But here are six, in no particular order.

Having loads of fun and laughs.

My best experiences have always been the social events, because you get to see that all Rotarians, no matter their age or background, have a passion for fun, and a fairly unique sense of humour.

Meeting new people.

Convention provides the ultimate opportunity to network. Often Rotarians from other regions of the world can become valuable resources for collaboration on new projects. Getting to know new people will spark inspiration and fresh insights.

Reconnecting with some 'old' friends (in person).

Social media keeps me connected to Rotarians who are both local and far away. However, there's no substitute for meeting someone IRL (in real life). Conventions allow you to mix and mingle, form new relationships, and strengthen existing ones. Try this over coffee, lunch, or even cocktails in the House of Friendship (You didn't know they serve cocktails there, did you?).

Sharing ideas.

No matter how experienced you are at club business or service



Evan Burrell and Rotary staff at the 2014 Rotary Convention in Sydney, Australia.

projects, you can always learn something new. We can get stuck in our own limited point of view without exposure to others. At a breakout session, you may even find yourself sitting next to a future president of Rotary International!

Visiting places I've never been.

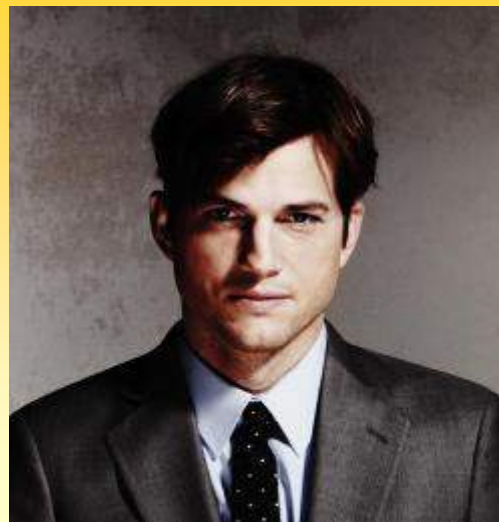
I don't necessarily have a sightseeing plan, I just try to experience as much of a new city as I can. I like heading to places where locals hang out, you can smell the food, and get a vibe for your location. You may even discover something not in the guidebook.

Getting more involved.

When you're sharing the same space with thousands of Rotarians, you can't help but discover new ways to get involved. Sometimes it's about taking a selfie with someone who's influenced you, or sharing an idea with someone you admire, or making a connection that leads to a new project or activity.

Can you tell I love Convention?

I know registration, plane ticket, and meal and lodging can make this an expensive proposition. But the convention really is a one of a kind event that will show you the internationality of Rotary, challenge you to grow, and allow you to make new friends. Once you've been to one, you'll want to come back for more.



Ashton Kutcher to speak at Atlanta convention

Ashton Kutcher, co-founder of Thorn, actor, tech investor, and philanthropist will join the End of Modern Slavery panel discussion at this year's Rotary International Convention. The discussion will take place during the second general session on Monday, 12 June.

Thorn partners with nonprofits and academic institutions to gather new insights into the role technology plays in child sex trafficking, the creation and proliferation of child pornography, and the normalization of child sexual exploitation. Thorn then goes beyond insight to action to develop the tools, systems, and approaches to help address these issues.

Other panelists include moderator Bob Hope, Atlanta Convention Promotion Committee adviser; U.S. Senator Bob Corker; and Gary Haugen, CEO of International Justice Mission.



Rotary's customer care service earns 'Center of Excellence' certification

EVANSTON, Ill. (9, May 2017)

The Rotary Support Center has earned the **Benchmark Portal Certification as a Center of Excellence**, a noted designation in the customer service and support industry.

The **Center of Excellence certification** is only achieved by customer care facilities ranking in the top ten percent of call centers surveyed across the United States.

"I am proud to have such a dedicated team to support Rotary members as they work to improve lives and create positive lasting change in communities around the world," said Howard Henry, Support Center manager.

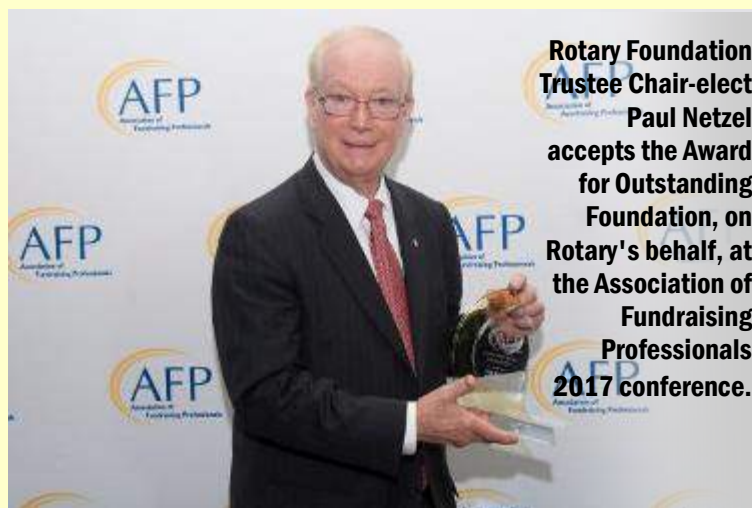
This past year the Rotary Support Center received approximately 50,000 phone calls and 84,000 email requests for help.

The Rotary Support Center was evaluated on its ability to be efficient and effective, while providing great service at the lowest marginal costs compared to other centers in the service industry.

About BenchmarkPortal

Founded in 1995, *BenchmarkPortal* is a global leader in the contact center industry, providing benchmarking, certification, training, consulting, research and industry reports. The *BenchmarkPortal* team of professionals has gained international recognition for its innovative approach to best practices for the contact center industry. *BenchmarkPortal* hosts the world's largest database of contact center metrics, which is constantly being refreshed with new data. *BenchmarkPortal's* mission is to provide contact center managers with the tools and information that will help them optimize their efficiency and effectiveness in their customer communications.

BenchmarkPortal's acclaimed *Center of Excellence Certification program* involves a comprehensive process that combines Performance KPI benchmarking, Customer feedback and Agent feedback in a way offered by no other Program. Metrics are compared with industry peers using *BenchmarkPortal's* database of contact center metrics, the largest in the world.



Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Paul Netzel accepts the Award for Outstanding Foundation, on Rotary's behalf, at the Association of Fundraising Professionals 2017 conference.

Rotary Foundation named World's Outstanding Foundation for 2016

The Association of Fundraising Professionals recognized The Rotary Foundation with its annual Award for Outstanding Foundation at its 2017 conference in San Francisco.

The award honors organizations that show philanthropic commitment and leadership through financial support, innovation, encouragement of others, and involvement in public affairs. Some of the boldest names in American giving — Kellogg, Komen, and MacArthur, among others — are past honorees.

The announcement came on 15 November, known to industry professionals since the 1980s as National Philanthropy Day. The award was presented 2 May at the AFP's annual conference.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Paul Netzel accepted the award on Rotary's behalf, and Eric Schmelling, Rotary's chief philanthropy officer, also attended the conference. The event drew more than 3,400 senior-level fundraising professionals from 33 countries.

"In our Centennial year, we are deeply honored to receive this recognition from the Association of Fundraising Professionals," said Netzel.

AFP's committee of judges cited Rotary's comprehensive campaign to eradicate polio as a major driver of the selection.

"With the generous support of our members and partners, we've taken on some of the toughest humanitarian challenges in the world, none more so than the devastating disease of polio," said Netzel. "We will defeat polio, and it will be a landmark achievement for global public health."

The committee also mentioned that Rotary applies a methodical, purposeful approach to support a wide variety of causes, from providing clean water to educating the next generation of peace professionals.

"This award helps to spread our belief that service to humankind truly changes our world, and for that reason, it is the greatest work of life," said Netzel.



Rotary uses virtual reality to inspire others

Rotary is working with Google's virtual reality team to offer an experience that showcases the impact of compassion to a global audience.

We're producing a three-minute virtual reality film that emphasizes the two themes of polio and peace, and how Rotary's work to eradicate the disease is increasing stability across the world.

Through the power of virtual reality, viewers will follow the extraordinary journey of a child whose world has been torn apart by conflict. The film will immerse viewers in this child's world, and they'll experience for themselves the impact that small acts of compassion, protection, and kindness can have on others.

We'll premiere the film on 13 June at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. It will be widely released in time for World Polio Day on 24 October.

This isn't Rotary's first experience with virtual reality. With support from the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, Rotary premiered its first virtual reality film, "I Dream of an Empty Ward," in October 2016. In that film, viewers visit India, which has been polio-free since 2011, to follow Alokita, a young woman paralyzed by the disease as a child.

Traveling through the streets of Delhi, viewers get a close look at life in India and what's being done to keep the country polio-free. And, through a visit to India's only polio ward, at St. Stephen's Hospital, they witness Alokita's triumphant first steps after 11 years.

WATCH THIS VIDEO

"I Dream of an Empty Ward" - 360 VR video



Tiwa Savage signs on as Rotary celebrity ambassador for polio eradication



EVANSTON, Ill. (3 May 2017) – Nigerian singer/songwriter Tiwa Savage is the newest face to join Rotary's 'This Close' public awareness campaign for polio eradication. A paralyzing and life altering disease, polio is on the verge of becoming the second human disease ever to be eliminated worldwide after smallpox.

Savage, who has been described by CNN as Nigeria's biggest pop star, will help Rotary achieve its goal of a polio-free world by raising awareness about the vaccine-preventable disease. Savage administered a vaccine to children in Lagos in late April. Nigeria regularly conducts mass immunization campaigns to vaccinate every child under the age of five in the country.

The singer's participation in this program comes at a critical juncture. Last year, Nigeria experienced a polio outbreak that paralyzed four children after passing nearly two years without a case of the disease. Her involvement in the campaign will raise important awareness that will help ensure the outbreak is stopped.

"This is a cause that hits close to home for me, not only as a mother of a small child, but as a proud Nigerian, whose country has been battling this disease for many years," said Savage.

Savage's musical career began when she was 16 years of age as a backup singer for George Michael. Before going out on her own, she worked with many other well-known musicians, such as Whitney Houston, Kelly Clarkson, Andrea Bocelli, Mary J Blige and many more. Tiwa Savage is also a successful songwriter. She was signed to Sony/ATV Music before establishing her own label 323 Entertainment which teamed up with Marvin Records in 2012.

Last year, Savage signed with Roc Nation as a management client. Already a superstar in her home country, her social media has amassed to a staggering 2.9 million followers on Instagram, 1.8 million on Facebook, and 1.7 million on Twitter.

Savage announced her new partnership with Rotary last week in New York City at a World Immunization Week event. As part of the 'This Close' campaign, Savage will be featured in ads raising her thumb and forefinger in the 'this close' gesture with the tagline 'we're this close to ending polio.' Since the initiative launched in 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to less than 37 cases in 2016.

The girls of Malawi

By Elizabeth Usovicz



The Rotary club's project trained teachers for an after school program designed to empower girls, like those above, to stay in school.

Last April, I led a Vocational Training Team (VTT) to Malawi. The global grant project of the Rotary clubs of Limbe (Malawi) and Kansas City-Plaza (Missouri, USA) installed solar lighting in schools and trained primary school teachers in an after-school program designed to empower children, especially girls, to stay in school.

As in many countries, girls in Malawi face several challenges along their path to an education, including early marriage, teen pregnancy and HIV/AIDS. Malawi is called "The Warm Heart of Africa," and with an average annual income of about \$255 per capita, tenacity is more than an admirable trait. It's a survival skill. Here are some of the traits, conditions and needs affecting the girls of Malawi in their quest for an education.

Multitasking: Village girls learn how to multitask from their mothers, walking barefoot several times a day from the village water pump with 70-pound buckets of potable water on their heads, babies on their backs, and another child or two by the hand. I saw village girls supervising younger siblings while pounding maize, herding goats, and trying to get homework done. These girls exhibited a tenacity that humbled me.

Tradition: According to a United Nations Development Program background paper on Malawi, 47 percent of girls finish standard 8 – the equivalent of the 8th grade. Family influences, the tradition of early marriage and teen pregnancy can easily discourage a girl's plans for the future. A girl who intends to go to secondary school and then to college or university must have strong, quiet determination, as well as encouragement.

Role Models: I met dozens of girls who told me they aspired to become businesswomen, doctors, nurses or accountants. Most had never had an opportunity to meet women working in those professions. The village girls who succeed in getting an education are the future role models for other village girls.

My VTT experience has given me a global perspective on the value of girls' education. With tenacity and encouragement, it's my hope that the girls of Malawi will reach their aspirations.



About the author:

Elizabeth Usovicz is a member of the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri; a Rotary Public Image Coordinator for Zones 30 and 31 in 2017-20; and a past district governor. She was also a Women of Action honoree at the White House in 2014.

Dying Man Spends Last Days Fixing Bikes For Kids in Need



When Bob Charland was given a terminal diagnosis, he didn't spend any time feeling sorry for himself – instead, he decided to spend his last days giving kids the gift of free play.

The Springfield, Massachusetts resident was first diagnosed

with a neurodegenerative brain disease two months ago. Since he received the news, Bob has hunkered down in his workshop and repaired bikes for children in his community.

When he isn't repairing bikes that youngsters already own, he is fixing up old bicycles to give to kids who can't afford one.

On Easter morning alone, Bob gave away 20 different bikes to kids in Chicopee.

"Why not? If it's just my time, why not do it?" Bob told. "It's making these kids happy, it's promoting something positive in their life, so I'm going to keep doing it."

Bob has also created a [GoFundMe page](#) for starting a nonprofit dedicated to raising money for old bikes and start up materials.



Evening clubs fill void in Nashville area

By Chuck Barnett, governor of District 6760 (Tennessee, USA)

When I started my journey to be district governor in January of 2014, I knew that during my year I wanted to start several new clubs. Being a younger Rotarian, I am fully aware of the time commitments that careers and family put on each of us. If I was not self-employed, I probably could have never been governor.

Realizing this, when I would ask people to come to Rotary I would get the general answer of "I don't have time for that." But how could we change this?

People early in their careers or those who have a young family do not find breakfast or lunch meetings are an option for them. Getting children up and ready for school takes a lot of time. Younger Rotarians are finding that it's very hard to take an hour-and-a-half to two hours off for a lunch meeting.

I knew that evening meetings could be the answer to this. So on 17 April, we chartered three new evening clubs in our district.

Two of these clubs are in bedroom communities of Nashville. The people there really love their communities, but they did not have an option to attend a Rotary club after work. One of these new clubs chartered with 61 members, 59 of whom were new to Rotary.



Members of the new evening clubs receive their badges during a combined charter ceremony.

RI President John Germ, Director Karen Wentz, and Director Elect Greg Yank all attended the three club charter night ceremony.

Director Wentz has this to say about the event: "The induction of more than 100 Rotarians in three new clubs in the Nashville area is a great achievement. These new clubs and their Rotary members mean expanded opportunities for community service both at home and in other countries."

Director Elect Yank added "It is very rare to hold such an event bringing in about 120 new Rotarians! Having Rotary in our lives is a special gift."

I firmly believe it's through new clubs with flexible attendance and meeting schedules that we will be able to attract new members to Rotary.



One of Nashville's newly chartered evening clubs.



This is the 30th anniversary of the seminal decision by the US Supreme Court on allowing women in Rotary. In July 1987 Charles Shultz, the creator of the Peanuts cartoon strip drew a cartoon about women being

permitted to join Rotary. Peppermint Patty is sitting on a dock talking to Marcia. I think Marcia got it right.

Credit: FaceBook posting from Chris Offer

Serving with Rotary brings joy to my life

May 11, 2017

By Jack Bechaud, Rotary Club of Lake in the Hills, Illinois, USA

If you would have told me a few years ago that I'd be lugging 15 bags of cement in the high mountains of Cusco, Peru, to help local villagers, I would not have believed you.

It sounds a little cliché, but Rotary has helped me come so far, in so many ways. It's helped me grow as a person in ways I never thought possible. It's brought joy back to my life.

This was my second service trip with the Rotary Club of Lake in the Hills, Illinois, within a short period of time. Traveling so far away from home with many hours in a plane and airports is not necessarily my idea of a good time. Further, having what seems like just come back from an amazing trip to India and new friends there, not to mention the incredible work we did, then turning around and getting on more planes might seem crazy to some of you.

But I can tell you it's totally worth it! Seeing people who have nothing makes you appreciate everything. Being able to learn from them and learn that your project is going to be duplicated in other pueblos as a success story is beyond belief. Working in very hard conditions at high altitude with our Rotarians friends here at the [Rotary Club Julio J. Delgado Cusco](#) and our own members creates a bond like no other.

Relationship building

Travel stress, miles and miles and miles of narrow mountain roads, seeing our Indian Rotarians comment on our work here and our Peruvian Rotarians comment on work we did in India — builds life long



Jack Bechaud with children in Cusco, Peru.



Taking a break to hug a child.

relations and bridges. Not walls. (Although we actually are building walls for buildings). It's the gift you give to others that gives back to you.

Rotary is not what I thought it was. It's so much better, and so much more.

One day, I carried 15 bags of concrete on my shoulders, dug a trench three feet deep by three feet wide, wired parts of the building for electricity, drank more water than I ever thought possible, and pumped more blood than my heart even thought possible while breathing. In mountain air at altitudes higher than the alpacas that roam here. My body ached, but my heart was full, and even though it's beyond my ability to convey what this is like, I hope some of the pictures show a glimpse of what we are doing.

All in all, I have my luggage, clean clothes and health and next to that everything else is a bonus. You can read more about our service trip and see photos at [#RotaryPeru2017](#).



New Hepatitis Eradication Rotarian Action Group helps people with hepatitis screenings and testing.

According to the [World Health Organization](#), viral hepatitis is the seventh leading cause of death worldwide. Together, Hepatitis B and C kills close to 1.4 million people every year. Around the world, 400 million people living with chronic Hepatitis B and C, the most serious forms of viral hepatitis, don't know they are infected. Untreated cases cause serious damage to the liver and result in death.

Read more on <http://bit.ly/2rB6Zpw>

YOUNG MEMBERS NEED THEIR OWN SPACE

Giving young Rotarians a space to call their own

By Elizabeth Davis, a member of the Rotary Club of Lake Norman-Huntersville, North Carolina, USA.

What would happen if we gave the younger crowd a space to call their own?

This was the question that our club president, Kamlesh-Chandan (Kam for short) posed to us recently as we discussed how to recruit young professionals.

After a little more thinking, Kam and our club developed a term for our approach, YP 35 (short for young professionals under 35 years old). From there, we started to rally our members and members of other local clubs to seek out young professionals in the area who could call Rotary home.

A club they can call their own

It was an instant success. At an initial meeting to explore interest for YP 35, fourteen enthusiastic young professionals gathered to discuss their new club over food and drinks. Now, more YP 35 meetings and events are scheduled to take place.

YP 35 is a success because of how it's structured. YP 35 was able to easily and immediately start up thanks to the



The Rotary Club of Lake Norman Huntersville initiative has given young professionals a club they can call their own.

mentorship and financial support of its host club the Rotary Club of Lake Norman-Huntersville. However, because it puts an emphasis on engagement over attendance and has the autonomy to structure meetings and events as its members prefer, Rotarians in YP 35 still have a club they can truly call their own. From picking how often they prefer to meet, to where they meet, to what areas of service their work will revolve around, YP 35 is by the members and for the members.

Young professionals are interested in Rotary

When asked about any concerns that YP

35 might try to split off from the Rotary Club of Lake Norman-Huntersville, Kam said such a scenario would be perfectly fine. For him and his fellow Rotarians, the main goal is to bring more, and younger, members into the organization. If they can do this by starting a new club, then their goal is accomplished.

Ultimately, what starting YP 35 has shown is that there is, in fact, a desire among the young professionals crowd for a service-based organization. Young professionals are interested in Rotary. The key is to give them a space to call their own.



A Lifesaving Journey - Running Wild with Bear Grylls (Episode Highlight)

After a long trek through the Kenyan savannah, Julia Roberts and Bear arrive at a remote village in...

YOUTUBE.COM

WATCH
THIS
VIDEO

627

8 Comments 184 Shares

After a long trek through the Kenyan savannah, Julia Roberts and Bear arrive at a remote village in need of vaccines.



Critical Care

Linked through sister cities, Rotarians save newborns in Brazil

By Vanessa Glavinskas
Photographs by Robert Gill

A mother is in labor, and she's frightened. Her baby isn't due for three months. The closest hospital is 30 miles away, and although she makes it there in time, the baby is born weighing barely 2 pounds.

And there's another problem.

The hospital's neonatal intensive care unit has only seven incubators, and all are in use, so the baby must be transferred to another hospital to receive the critical care he needs. If he survives the transfer, his parents will need to find a way to make trips to that hospital for months.

Many new mothers were facing similar situations at Dr. Leopoldo Bevilacqua Regional Hospital, a state-run facility in Brazil's Ribeira Valley. Lack of equipment meant some of the hospital's most vulnerable newborns had to be transferred, which was a factor in São Paulo state's high infant mortality rate.

"There are two realities here: people who can pay for a private hospital and those who can't," says Lina Shimizu, who spearheaded the project for the Rotary Club of Registro-Ouro, Brazil. Those who can't, she says, often have to travel long distances to get to a state-run hospital such as Leopoldo Bevilacqua, which serves 24 towns.

By partnering on a Rotary Foundation global grant with two clubs in Nakatsugawa, Japan, Brazilian Rotarians raised \$172,500. They funded equipment including five incubators for the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), which nearly doubled the hospital's capacity to care for fragile newborns. In 2013, 129 babies were admitted to the NICU; since the completion of the project, the hospital has been able to care for about 220 babies per

year.

Other equipment provided through the grant included five ventilators, a bilirubin meter, three heated cribs, five vital-sign monitors, and a super LED microprocessed phototherapy unit to treat babies with jaundice. The grant also funded the cost of publicity to inform residents about prenatal care workshops conducted by area health workers. The publicity campaign aimed to reach mothers in remote areas who may not know what services are available to them or about the importance of prenatal care and breast-feeding.



The Rotary clubs also used the grant to launch a publicity campaign on importance of prenatal care and breast-feeding.

This global grant marked a turning point for Rotarians in Nakatsugawa, who had stopped

contributing to international projects after experiencing difficulties on a past grant. The difference this time was in the relationship between the cities of Registro and Nakatsugawa, which established a "sister city" affiliation in 1980.

"This was initially a project of another Brazilian club, but they spent five years trying to find a partner and funding," Shimizu says. "We were able to implement it in three years because of our sister city relationship."



By adding five incubators to the NICU, the hospital nearly doubled the number of babies its nurses and doctors can care for.

Rotarians from both cities meet regularly to foster their friendships, alternating between Brazil and Japan, and because of their close relationship, the Japanese Rotarians felt confident that their financial contributions to the project would be managed well. In addition, Shimizu, who is of Japanese descent and speaks fluent Japanese, helped build trust and effective communication.

A group of Japanese Rotarians visited the NICU after the project was completed. "After 37 years," says Mitsuo Hara, a member of the Rotary Club of Nakatsugawa, "there's a friendship and bond between Rotary members of both countries."



Rotarians funded incubators, ventilators, heated cribs, vital-sign monitors, and other equipment for a state-run hospital outside São Paulo.



Deeply wounded world needs Rotary Peace Centers

By Marie-Paule Attema, a Rotary Peace Fellow at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

After months of anticipation, I finally arrived in Brisbane, Australia, where I will be for the next 18 months while I pursue the Masters of Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland Rotary Peace Center.

I quickly felt at home after being picked up by our “Australian parents,” who have been extremely helpful in our transition. I have enjoyed the pros and cons of Australian living as I have quickly adapted to 30 degree weather in March and travelling via a ferry that feels more like vacation than public transit. I have also survived Cyclone Debbie (experiencing my first ever rain day) and have been sure to watch my step for snakes and spiders. I have also learned to stay out of the Brisbane River. Bull Sharks are everywhere!!

The staff at the University of Queensland Peace Center have been incredibly welcoming and helpful. I was rather anxious returning to studying after six years, but after only one month I



Marie-Paule Attema, right, and host Rotarians in Brisbane, Australia.

feel inspired and prepared to undertake my program. I'm both honored and intimidated to be on this journey with nine amazing Peace Fellows from all over the globe. Each Peace Fellow brings vast knowledge and life experience.

This semester I'm enrolled in four peace and conflict related courses. The course work is both challenging and exciting. I'm excited to learn not only about peace and conflict theories but also practical skills including mediation. Furthermore, I was excited to be a part of a seminar for Class 14 this past week. These peace fellows presented on their AFE (applied field experience). It was an enlightening experience and I am excited for my opportunity to apply some of my newfound knowledge into the field.

In a world deeply wounded by conflict, I feel more than ever that peace education is essential. I'm thankful for my sponsoring Rotary Club of Tavistock, Ontario, Canada, and my host Rotary Club of Balmoral Brisbane, Australia, for their continued support, and look forward to keeping in touch!



About the author:

MARIE-PAULE is a survivor of the Rwandan genocide. She immigrated to Canada 16 years ago. Over the last ten years she has worked with marginalized populations in various community initiatives in Ontario, Canada. Her career goal is to contribute to recovery and mental health in the aftermath of armed conflict, and in the long term, to promote peace and equality through global policymaking.

Is a peace fellowship right for me?

- Peace fellowship applicants must meet these requirements:
- Proficiency in English; a second language is strongly recommended
- Demonstrated commitment to international understanding and peace
- Excellent leadership skills

Master's degree applicants:

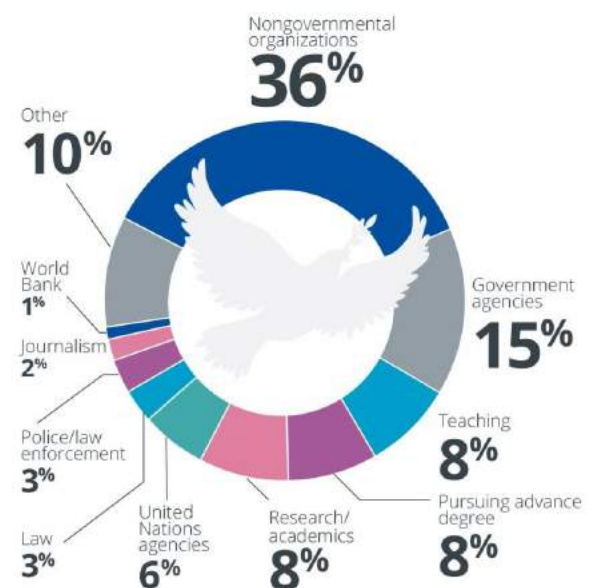
Minimum three years of related full-time work or volunteer experience, bachelor's degree

Certificate applicants:

Minimum five years of related full-time work or volunteer experience, strong academic background

GET STARTED

Where Rotary Peace Center alumni work



North East PETS leaders act to transition Rotaractors to Rotary

By Carolyn Johnson, Assistant Coordinator, Zone 32

Nearly every conversation about Rotary membership talks about a desire to involve young professionals. What do young professionals want in a Rotary club or how can clubs be more attractive to them? Yet fewer than 10 percent of the 290,000 Rotaractors worldwide actually join Rotary. We clearly have work to do. At the 2017 Northeast PETS, the District Governors-elect decided to move the conversation to action.

The eight Governors-elect each invited one Rotaract leader from their District to attend PETS. It was a decision that proved to be a challenge from the start. Some Governors-elect realized that their data was weak: Clubs had disbanded, or contacts were missing. Interaction with Rotary clubs was found too often to be minimal. Yet without strong connections, how can Rotaractors possibly know (and experience?) the potential of

Time was designated for the Rotaractors to engage in their own conversations. Our keynote speakers, as younger Rotarians themselves, shared talents perfect to enhancing these conversations and helped reinforce the message of how (and why!) to become involved with Rotary. The closing general session was a panel discussion of our young Rotarian keynote speakers and Rotaractors.

What was the result?

Energy! Involvement!! And a call to lead! Perhaps the strongest message to club and District leaders is that Rotary must be relevant and have the ability to be spontaneous. People want to get things done, and use their time productively. Rotary clubs — if they are to attract and engage members — must be able to act on ideas quickly. My strongest takeaway was that Rotary International's support for club and member flexibility reflects how our thinking must evolve in order for local clubs to flourish. Rather than trying to change clubs with strong traditions that may not appeal to potential Rotarians, our efforts would be better placed in supporting new clubs that take a different approach to how they function.



Rotary -- and how can we possibly expect a significant rate of transition? First lesson learned: we need to better connected to Rotaract!

The plan for the Rotaractors at PETS was three-fold.

The Rotaract leaders would participate in sessions alongside Presidents-elect. This resulted in learning opportunities for PEs to consider options and opportunities in their own clubs and provided great leadership training for the Rotaractors.

General session programs featured younger Rotarians as speakers who shared their stories and passion. This provided great inspiration for PEs and Rotaractors alike.

Next steps:

Our PETS Governors-elect will each develop a plan to form strong liaisons with Rotaract clubs and leaders. Next, we will develop a networking group among Rotaractors who participated this year's PETS. They will become a resource for new clubs (or advising existing clubs that truly want to make changes to attract a wider audience).

Where will this lead ?

We'll have to see. But the first steps were taken to progress from talking about expanding membership to actually doing something about it.

Republished from: *Beyond Borders/the Newsletter of Zones 24 & 32* | May 2017 | page 3

Youth Leadership All-Stars shine for Youth Service Month

May was Rotary's Youth Service Month! We are celebrating the accomplishments of Rotary's programs for young leaders by showcasing real-life stories of Youth Leadership All-Stars! Every Tuesday during the month of May, discover a new Youth Leadership All-Star story about Interact, RYLA, Rotaract, or Youth Exchange on the Rotary Voices blog.

Our first Youth Leadership All-Star is Rebecca Weragoda from the Rotaract Club of Sydney, Australia. She shares: "I continue to be inspired by the chance to truly and meaningfully impact the world. But my most significant aspiration for Rotaract and Rotary is to highlight the ways we can continue working together, at all levels, to create an environment of meaningful collaboration."

Science camp changed my life

May 02, 2017

By Rebecca Weragoda, Rotaract Club of Sydney, Australia

Twelve years ago, I made a seemingly small decision to apply for a Rotary Australia supported "science camp." Like so many of my peers in Rotaract, this decision changed the course of my life personally, professionally, and socially.

From attending the National Youth Science Forum to today, I've been afforded many opportunities through Rotary, just some of the highlights include:

- travelling to South Africa for National Youth Science Week
- trekking in the desert in remote Western Australia as a leadership development opportunity
- attending my local Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
- serving as a RYLA Leader and RYLA Director
- leadership roles including Rotaract Club Professional Development Director, President and District Rotaract Representative
- attending international RYLA in Sydney
- the Young Leaders Summit in South Korea.

These are just the tip of the iceberg and don't even begin to capture the abundance of leadership opportunities I've had within Rotaract, culminating with my current position as the Chair of Rotaract Australia. My experience in Rotaract led me



Trekking in remote Western Australia as a leadership development opportunity.

to transition from a technical science-based role to work in the Corporate Social Responsibility sector of a multi-national company—an area I didn't even consider when I left school!

I love how my Rotary and work worlds continually collide. For example, this past March when listening to a Rotarian address the Rotaract Club of Sydney City about the Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC), I learned that, sure enough, the orthopedic implants their patients use are donated by my company.

I continue to be inspired by the chance to truly and meaningfully impact the world. But my most significant aspiration for Rotaract and Rotary is to highlight the ways we can continue working together, at all levels, to create an environment of meaningful collaboration.

Both groups have so much to contribute. Rotarians bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table as well as the resources that go with them. Rotaractors bring energy, innovative ideas, and an intuitive understanding of how to best engage in today's increasingly online world. By working together on projects we increase the likelihood of Rotaractors transitioning their membership and becoming dual Rotarian-Rotaractors or becoming a Rotary member in the future.

I look forward to continuing to be an ambassador for Rotary and Rotaract and being part of the positive change Rotary has on communities locally and globally.



Weragoda and a friend at a Rotaract event.

This is part of a series of blog posts from Youth Leadership All-Stars, participants in Rotary's programs for young leaders, in celebration of Youth Service Month.

Continued
On Next Page

Youth Leadership All-Stars shine for Youth Service Month



The Rotaract Club of Dhaka Orchids distributes school supplies.



**By Md. Saddam Hossain Roni,
Rotaract Club of Dhaka Orchids,
Bangladesh**

How I gained friends through Rotary's programs for young leaders

May 09, 2017

Before joining an Interact club in 2010, I had a difficult time dealing with people I didn't know. That's probably why I didn't have a lot of friends in school. But as a member of Interact, I learned a lot about fellowship.

I still remember the day I stood on stage in front of a large group of people for a speech competition for the first time, my legs shaking. It was really a nervous moment for me. That day I realized I am not perfect. But day by day, I began developing my skills and becoming an active member of Interact.

I served as president of the Interact Club of Gomoti in 2012-13. In the same year, I was appointed as Interact Secretary of District 3280 and the next year elected 1st Interact Representative of District 3282.

I made Interact friends in many countries, founding the Global Friendship Project in 18 other districts. We worked together to plant trees in different countries at the same time and with the same banners. I have always believed the actual duty of a member of Interact is to learn and develop by spreading fellowship.

A second family in Rotary

After completing Interact, I joined the Rotaract Club of Comilla Premier, but within a few months I moved to Dhaka City to continue my education. In 2015, I

became the charter president of the Rotaract Club of Dhaka Orchids. I found that Rotaract was not that different than Interact, but our responsibility increased. In our charter year we successfully completed 18 club projects in our community. We distributed clothes, food, educational instruments and scholarships for needy peoples. We also formed an Interact Alumni Association of South Asia, chartered in 2015.

While attending Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), I had one of the best experiences of my Rotary life. It was like finding a second family in Rotary. I made new friends, received support from others, and was inspired to develop myself further in order to bring change to my community,

and globally.

Becoming a leader

Throughout this journey, I really don't know exactly when and how I became a leader. But I think it came about through learning the importance of working with others to bring about change or establish peace. The day I joined Interact, I had just two best friends. Today, I have thousands of friends in every Bangladesh city, and in at least 36 countries around the world!

Thanks to Rotary, I can proudly say that I am a Youth Leadership All Star. But my journey is not finished. I want to represent Rotaract and join Rotary to serve our community on an even a bigger scale.

Working together to plant trees.



Continued
On Next Page



Why the good you do will do good to you

May 16, 2017

By Nipuna Ambanpola, a member of the Rotaract Club of Armstrong State University and former member of

Interact

Volunteering has been a very satisfying component of my life. When I volunteer, it's always about contributing my time and skills to enhance the quality of life of others in my community.

I joined the Interact Club of Royal College, the second oldest club and the oldest continuously functioning club in Sri Lanka in 2009. Since then I've been involved in Rotary through Interact and Rotaract. I served the Interact Club of Royal College for four years and the last year I was appointed as the president of the club. Then, I went on to accomplish my duties in the Interact District 3220 as the District Interact Secretary for 2013-14.



Ambanpola, second from left, packing 10,500 food packets for Haiti with members of Rotaract.



Receiving a warm welcome in Georgia.

Studying in the United States

In 2015, I got a scholarship to study in the United States through the Georgia Rotary Student Program, a youth scholarship program established to promote peace and understanding across the globe. Last year, I took the initiative to start a Rotaract club at Armstrong State University, the college I'm currently studying at. Right now I'm working with the Governor of District 6920 to connect Rotaract and Rotary clubs in the district.

Servant leadership has been a part of my life as long as I can remember. I live by the quote:

"The good you do to society will do good to you."

Volunteering has been the vehicle of hope that I've used to connect myself to the world. When I volunteer, I meet new people, make new friendships and learn about new cultures.

In 2016, I initiated an international non-profit organization called IVolunteer International. It is a registered non-profit organization in the United States. IVolunteer International strives to elevate the quality of human life across the globe by connecting individuals with volunteer projects around the world. We hope that when we connect volunteers to projects, we not only create an altruistic community but also empower people to be sustainable and grow together.

Being a global citizen

Another thing we do is empower charity organizations in the world who are in need of volunteers. Since 2016, we have connected about 900 volunteers for over 25 projects around the world. We are small but I'm hopeful to build communities united by service.

Rotary has provided me with a global view. When I look at a global issue or when I engage in a conversation, I represent myself as a global citizen without limitation of nationality, religion, economic status or any other category. I have learned to look for the best interests of everyone around the world even if I haven't ever met them.

Rotary has taught me that no matter where people live or what faith they believe in, we all strive for the same things – happiness and love. It has changed my world view and my perspective of life and has so far been the motivation for my contributions to community, country, and the world.



Learn to lead through Interact



By Riley Benton, a member of the Interact Club of Coffee County Central High School, Manchester, Tennessee, USA

I had already participated in different service projects when I joined Interact in my freshman year of high school. I have been a member all four years of high school, and it has shaped me into a

servant leader.

We have undertaken a great number of projects including collecting money to eradicate polio, bringing cupcakes to the elderly, and joining with the Rotary Club of Manchester Noon to clean up local rivers. Perhaps one of the most satisfying to me was joining forces with We Are Neutral to retrofit low income housing.



Painting a free lending library for a community reading program.

I've also taken part in projects outside of Interact, where I have used the leadership I have learned through Interact. The rural Appalachian area where I live is served by a volunteer fire department which is partially dependent on fundraising. I have helped plan and build a haunted house every Halloween, the chief fundraiser for the local volunteer fire department. Even though it required my presence every Friday and Saturday in September and October to build and perform in the haunted house, I felt it was only fair for me to help, as my family and community benefit. We could not get homeowners insurance without the department. We raised over \$10,000 with a staff of only 10!

I plan to work with the local free dental clinic and eventually as a professional dentist in foreign missions through Doctors Without Borders. My participation in Interact has left a lasting mark of positivity and a hope in everything I think, say, and do.

Create leadership and service opportunities in your community for youth by sponsoring an Interact Club.

Editor's note: This is the last in a series of blog posts from Youth Leadership All-Stars, participants in Rotary's programs for young leaders, in celebration of Youth Service Month.

Our Youth Service Programs

■ Overview

Rotary's programs are developing the next generation of leaders, providing funding to make the world a better place, and making peace a priority. And our programs are not just for club members. Learn how you can make a difference in your community through Rotary.

■ Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where you develop your skills as a leader while having fun and making connections.

■ Peace Fellowships

Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 professionals from around the world to receive fellowships to study at one of our peace centers.

■ Rotary Community Corps

A Rotary Community Corps is a group of people who share our commitment to changing the world through service projects.

■ Youth Exchanges

Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students 15 to 19 years old are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

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

■ Scholarships

The Rotary Foundation and clubs invest in our future leaders and philanthropists by funding scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study.

■ Friendship Exchange

Experience different cultures and build international friendships through Rotary Friendship Exchange

Friendship Exchange is an international exchange program for Rotary members and friends that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs.

■ YAIL - Youth Adventures in Leadership

YAIL will teach participants through a variety of exercises involving leadership and growth - to empower students to network, plan, and set goals.

■ Rotaract Clubs

Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18-30 to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service.

■ Interact Clubs

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. Find out how serious leadership can be seriously fun.



Make someone smile, and see how it changes you

May 23, 2017

By Nicolas Silva, member of the Rotaract Club of Trenque Lauquen, Argentina

Four years ago, our club undertook a project called “Todo Sirve,” which literally means “everything serves.” We collected donations in our city, including food, drinking water, clothes, children’s toys, bikes, and beds for an aboriginal low-income community, the Qom village, located in Formosa, a northern province of Argentina.

I will never forget hearing the word “gnashek” (Qom for ‘thanks’) from a woman who I was giving a box of donations to.

In that moment, my whole world stopped, and I understood how interconnected we all are. So many things that I take for granted, others need and sometimes have to do without.

More than friendship

I joined the Rotaract Club of Trenque Lauquen in 2013 looking for new friendships, but I’ve come to realize that Rotaract is so much more. I’ve been president, vice-president, and currently treasurer of my club. And I find that being in Rotaract is also a way to feel; to enjoy; to share; to serve; and above all, to learn with friends.

In spite of all the hard work that this project took – organizing meetings, sending letters, searching for people who want to join, receiving and sorting donations – I came to understand better the opportunities Rotaract provides. When we traveled within the community, we were accompanied by our fellow Rotaractors from Formosa, making the project easier and more enjoyable. Traveling 1,400 kilometers (about 870 miles) became like nothing, because we were going to serve alongside our friends.

The project taught me that we need to work together to change lives. I can assure you that if you make someone smile through service, it will change you forever. It certainly changed me – that’s when I fell in love with Rotaract.



Members of the Rotaract Club of Trenque Lauquen donate toys during a community breakfast attended by 100 children.

Trips to World War I sites provokes thoughts of war, peace

MAY 25, 2017

By Holly White, Class XV, Rotary Peace Center at the University of Bradford, England

Earlier this month, I took part in a tight, four-day trip to World War I battlefields and commemorative sites in France and Belgium with other Rotary Peace Fellows at the University of Bradford (including one Fellow’s sweet, energetic daughter!), host coordinators, and a few others connected to Rotary.

From the perspective of a Peace Fellow, it was interesting and, at times uncomfortable learning about the “Great War,” and how war is interpreted, commemorated, and, at times, glorified. Within the company of our group we had many moments of reflection alongside thought-provoking conversations about how war memorials and commemorations can be powerful sites of dialogue and reconciliation.

What does the site aim to do? Who is the intended audience? How is history portrayed? Whose story is being told? What voices may be left out? How does power play out in the initiation and maintenance of such sites? During the trip, and maybe even more so afterwards, there was space to ponder these questions, as well as honour what was lost.

I’m from Newfoundland, an island on the east coast of Canada, thus there was a special aspect of the trip that resonated with me: Newfoundland Park in Beaumont-Hamel. On 1 July, 1916, the “Blue Puttees,” the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, fought in the Battle of the Somme. That morning, the battalion was almost entirely wiped out; only 10 percent of troops were available for roll call the next morning. Visiting Newfoundland Park was a powerful and emotional moment for me and I’m grateful to have been able to visit.

Though discussion of the war was a heavy topic, we also carved out space for fellowship, fun, and bonding. Sharing meals, conversations, games and many hours in a van together allowed us to make some special memories we won’t soon forget.

Some of the best moments of the days included getting to know the Rotarians traveling with us and the Peace Fellow’s daughter who allowed us to indulge our playful sides. I know that each of us are grateful to trip organizer Ken Robertshaw for his enthusiasm, care and attention to detail.



Rotary Peace Fellows from the University of Bradford visit World War I sites in France and Belgium.



\$250,000

RAISED BY THE KANSAS CITY
DAY FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH CAMP

6,000

KIDS GO TO THE CAMP EACH YEAR

Camp serves entire community

All services are offered for free to campers and their organizations. Here are some groups that use the camp:

- Roughly 75 area schools
- Boy Scouts
- Children's Mercy Hospital
- The Arch of Clay and Platte Counties
- Midwest Brachial Plexus Network
- Joshua Center
- Girls Can Camp
- Camp Fire
- Cub Scouts
- Heart of America Indian Center
- Gillis Center

A Camp for everyone

Arnold R. Grahl

For more than 90 years, the Rotary Club of Kansas City has been rallying all corners of the community to help thousands of kids get to camp. The club, whose members are among Rotary's first People of Action, gave the first donation to the Rotary Foundation 100 years ago.

Jeff Dutzel moves a stone into place on the fire ring. Ashes have turned the bottom of the pit soot black from the countless bonfires that have begun and ended sessions at the Rotary Club of Kansas City's youth camp.

Building the ring was Dutzel's Eagle Scout project in 2000, and his introduction to the 26-acre site, which every year provides a summer camping experience for thousands of youths with

physical, emotional, and mental disabilities.

"I loved what I saw about the camp, so I asked how I could become involved," says Dutzel, who has held just about every job from kitchen assistant to his current role as director of the Boy Scouts special needs program at the camp. "I've been back every summer since."

"One of our campers has been coming out here since he was 11. He's 21 now and has Down syndrome," says Dutzel. "Just to watch him grow as a person is amazing. Every year when he gets here, he finds me and gives me a big smile and hug and says, 'Hi Jeff.' It's those things that have the biggest impact."

[READ MORE ON ROTARY.ORG](http://ROTARY.ORG)

Rotary—History of Celebrations

We take pride in celebrating success.

The photo includes members of the Rotary Club of London, their spouses and entertainer Harry Lauder of the Rotary Club of Glasgow just before traveling to the 1922 Rotary Convention in Los Angeles, California, USA.



Rotary program boosts scientific literacy in Taiwan's schools

By Howard Chang

The sky above the playground at Lao Mei Elementary School in New Taipei City, Taiwan, is dotted with kites of different colors, shapes, and sizes. Below, groups of students are busy making more kites and testing their construction skills in flying competitions.

To a passerby, the scene looks like just a fun day at school, but teachers know this is much more than play. It's science, or to be exact, physics.

"As a matter of fact, it's pure physics. The basic ability to fly a kite teaches lessons of aerodynamics and physics," says Lao Mei science teacher Tsai Shin Yi, who believes that making and flying kites helps students see how science affects their daily lives — including playtime — and motivates them to learn more.

And in this class, even failures are seen as positive teaching moments. When some of Yi's students were ready to quit after several failed attempts to get their kites airborne, he asked them, "Can any of you tell me why some kites fail to fly successfully?"

The kite classes at Lao Mei School, affectionately referred to as Love Kites, Love Lao Mei, are part of the Rotary Science Education Program, the flagship project of the Rotary Club of Taipei Pei-An. The global grant project aims to improve science education for students attending public schools in rural areas of Taiwan.

"We realized that science teachers and classrooms, particularly elementary and secondary schools in rural areas, receive fewer materials and resources, and even less institutional support" than other subjects, says Pauline Leung, past governor of District 3520 in Taiwan and the club's former president.

Local teachers and Rotary club members agree that without a proper foundation in science, students become scientifically illiterate. And science teachers need strong classroom

"The basic ability to fly a kite teaches lessons of aerodynamics and physics."

Tsai Shin Yi
Lao Mei science teacher

management skills and an in-depth understanding of their subject to help their students develop an interest and aptitude for science.

"So, we designed a science education program that provides a systematic approach to learning with a number of components, including audiovisual and instructional materials, professional development, material resources, community support, and evaluation," says Leung.

Lao Mei School has used kites to help students learn about a variety of subjects, including math, engineering, and basic science. Because of the program's success, the school added a new component that helps students understand basic science theories, says Leung.

The program involves working with simple machines — levers, wheels, axles, gears, and pulleys — along with energy. To ensure the program's sustainability, teachers also received training. Leung says the program is partly funded by a global grant from The Rotary Foundation with help from the Taiwan district's international partner, Rotary District 3700 in Daegu, Korea.

"We wanted to participate in projects that support literacy and education. The Rotary Science Education Program in Taiwan exemplifies Rotary's enduring commitment to this effort," says Seung Ho Lee, a member of the Rotary Club of Daegu-Seongseo in District 3700.

Since the Rotary Science Education Program launched three years ago, teachers in the 20 rural schools where it's been implemented have reported a new enthusiasm for learning among their students and increased participation by students with learning difficulties.

Yi says the program has also affected teachers, adding that the professional development elements have helped teachers increase their science knowledge and improve their teaching techniques.

Last year, members of the Taipei Pei-An Rotary Club visited Lao Mei School to see the program firsthand.

"We realized that what students learn is greatly influenced by how they are taught," says Irene Lu, club president. "The actions of science teachers are deeply influenced by their understanding of the subject matter."



Applying their knowledge of physics and math, students at Lao Mei School build and fly kites during classes supported by the Rotary Science Education Program.



Building on the success of the Rotary Science Education Program, Lao Mei School added a new component that teaches students basic science topics using simple machines and the application of energy.



Teachers at Lao Mei School believe that making and flying kites helps students see how science affects their daily lives — including playtime — and motivates them to learn more.



the rotarian

JUNE 2017

FEATURES

Steve McCurry brings the world into focus

Our 2017 photo contest judge has spent a career capturing the range of human experience

Focus on our contest winners

From more than 600 entries, our judge selected nine

memorable images by photographers around the world

Critical care

Linked through sister cities, Rotarians save newborns in Brazil



CLICK TO READ



CLICK TO READ

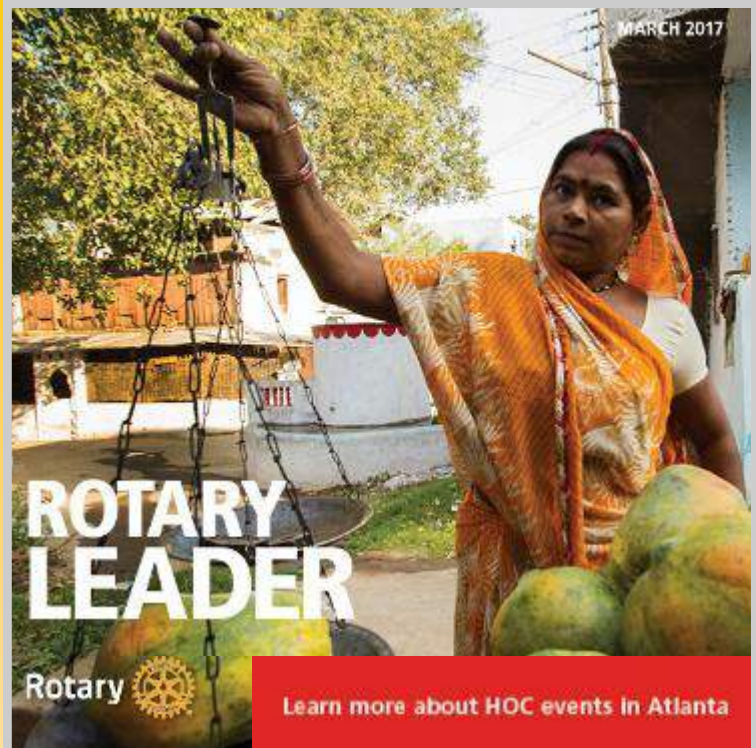
Rotary began its effort to end polio in 1979 in the Philippines.

In 1988, 350,000 children were infected by polio around the world.

Today, that number has been reduced by 99.9 percent.

Explore our history

<http://on.rotary.org/25KeswR>



Learn more about HOC events in Atlanta

CLUB CLINIC

How satellite clubs helped a Florida district expand

MEETING PLACE

Plan now to attend the Presidential Peace Conference

SPREAD THE WORD

Tips for effectively telling Rotary's story

TECH TOOLS

New resources in Rotary's Brand Center

Rotary

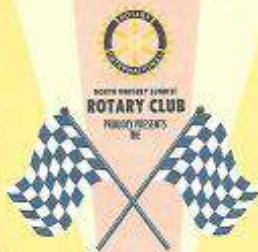


PRESIDENTIAL
PEACEBUILDING
CONFERENCE 2018



RI President Elect Ian Riseley will host 6 Presidential Peace Conferences in 2018

- **Vancouver, Canada** Environmental Sustainability, and Peace - 9-11 February 2018
- **Beirut, Lebanon** Water, Sanitation, Hygiene, and Peace - 18 February 2018
- **Coventry, United Kingdom** Disease Prevention and Treatment, and Peace - 24 February 2018
- **Sydney, Australia** Economic and Community Development, and Peace - 17 March 2018
- **Taranto, Italy** Maternal and Child Health, and Peace - 28 April 2018
- **Chicago, USA** Basic Education and Literacy, and Peace - 2 June 2018



25TH ANNUAL WHIDBEY ISLAND CHALLENGE SERIES



GRAVITY RACES FOR KIDS
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

AUGUST 26, 2017

Races Start at 10am on SE Barrington Drive
Between Island Thrift and the Post Office



This Event is Supported by Donations and Goes to Local Scholarships • www.WhidbeyRotary.com



STARFISH PACK FUNDRAISER

Starfish Pack program provides food
for children in need on the weekends.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Starfish Pack Partners:

Rotary
Club of Meadow Ridge



save on foods

THE NEWS

UNITEX



Giant Garage Sale held at:

BURNETT FELLOWSHIP

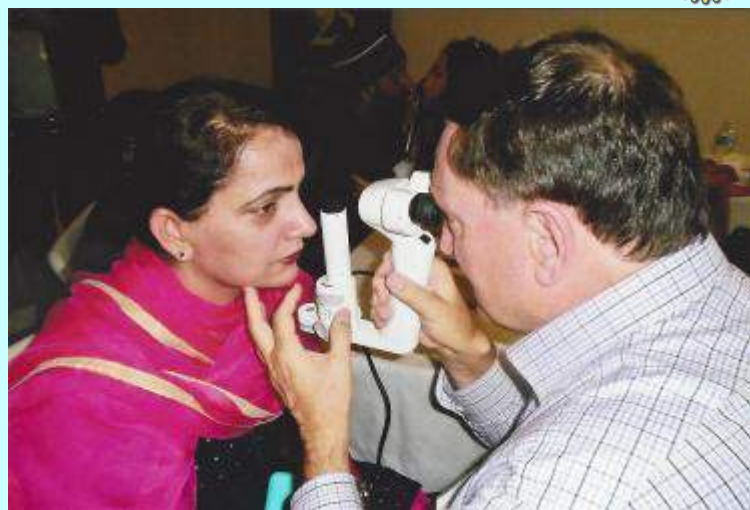
20639—123 Ave.,

Maple Ridge 604.465.4418

burnettmarket@gmail.com



Canadian Eyesight Global



FREE EYE HEALTH CLINIC

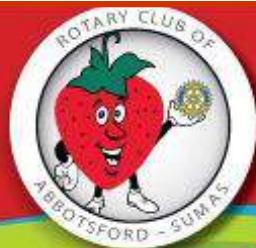
Khalsa Diwan Society, 8000 Ross Street, Vancouver

Sunday June 25, 2017, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

A Team of Dr. David Neima, MD, FRCS (C), Ophthl. will participate

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Contact: (604) 582-0579



ROTARY CLUB OF ABBOTSFORD-SUMAS

21ST ANNUAL STRAWBERRY SALE



3 WAYS TO ORDER...

IN PERSON - Cash or Cheque Only

De Dutch Pannekoek House

ABBOTSFORD

Co-operators Insurance

KING ROAD, ABBOTSFORD

HSBC

45850 YALE RD, CHILLIWACK

Matus Appliance Centre

32020 LOUGHEED HWY, MISSION

ONLINE

www.abbotsfordsumasrotary.org

BY PHONE

ABBOTSFORD - MISSION 604.852.7704

TOLL FREE 1.877.790.2074

PICK UP AND ORDER INFO...

ABBOTSFORD

PICK UP DATE

Saturday, June 17th 10am - 2pm

LAST DAY TO ORDER

Sunday, June 11th

CHILLIWACK / LANGLEY / MISSION

PICK UP DATE

Saturday, June 10th 10am - 2pm

LAST DAY TO ORDER

Sunday, June 04th

MANY THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS:

RE-MAX LITTLE OAK REALTY

MOUNTAINVIEW INSURANCE SERVICES INC.

TEKTRUCK

A.W. GRAY AND ASSOCIATES INC.

GOLDEN VALLEY



DISTRICT 5050
PEACE ARCH JOURNAL

VOL 30 ISSUE 11 MAY 2017

Semiahmoo Rotary



28TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Supporting
PEACE ARCH
HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION



parc
retirement
living



RBC Wealth Management
Dominion Securities



ODLUM BROWN
Jeff Davis
Vice President, Portfolio Manager



Supporting
PEACE ARCH
HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION

28th ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT Supporting Pediatric Care at Peace Arch Hospital



MORGAN CREEK GOLF COURSE
DATE: JUNE 22, 2017
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

\$395 registration fee/player.

\$1500 Registration fee/foursome (Teams Welcome)

Fee includes registration gift, lunch, carts, driving range, dinner, entertainment, live auction & prizes.

Visit our website for sponsorship information
or to register to golf
semirotarygolf.com



Rotary Scholarship Golf Tournament

FRIDAY JUNE 10, 2016 | CHILLIWACK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB. 41894 YALE RD WEST, CHILLIWACK



Registration
12:00pm

Shotgun Start
2:00pm

Social
6:00pm

Helicopter Ball Drop & Dinner
6:15pm

Awards & Prizes
7:00pm

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

COMING EVENTS



Rotary District 5050  **Go!FUN 2017**
Friday, August 18
Homestead Golf Club

Register at:
www.district5050.org/2017golfun
Includes golf fees, cart & dinner

Sponsorship Requested
at \$2,000 USD:
\$1,000 - Annual Fund
\$1,000 - PolioPlus

Proceeds to  



PRESIDENTIAL PEACE CONFERENCES 2017

9 - 10 JUNE, 2017

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

10 - 14 JUNE, 2017

@ RI Convention 2017 Atlanta, Georgia

ZONES 24/32 INSTITUTE HARTFORD, CT

19-21 OCTOBER, 2017

Pre-Institute sessions for DGNs, DGEs, DGs,
Membership Chairs, District Trainers,
and Foundation Chairs from October 16-18).

Visit website for more information <http://bit.ly/2017zone>.

The 2018 District Conference is on a cruise ship
Register early to get your cabin choice.
[CLICK FOR DETAILS](#)

TUESDAY MAY 8, 2018 TO SATURDAY MAY 12, 2018

Bring along your family -
Return home for Mother's Day!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR
[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

Thank you to all who registered for the Welcome Aboard 2018 District
conference on the MS Eurodam during this year's conference.

Congratulations to our winner of the \$150 onboard credit, Stephanie
and Darrell Hooper of the Burlington club.

Don't delay...book now for the May 8 - 12th, 2018 conference to
ensure the best selection of cabins!

Contact: Valerie Tibbetts, Registrar,
360-299-9390, valtravelq@hotmail.com

WOMEN IN ROTARY EVENT IN ATLANTA

Tuesday, June 13, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The Carter Presidential Center,
435 Freedom Parkway, Atlanta, GA

Purchase online for \$60 + fees: www.goo.gl/2c7iFk
For more information visit www.rotary6270.org



INSPIRATION AROUND EVERY CORNER

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
and the Air Canada Centre

ZONE INSTITUTE 2018 MONTREAL

20-22 SEPTEMBER, 2018
SAVE THE DATE!



DISTRICT 5050
PEACE ARCH JOURNAL
VOL. 30 ISSUE 11 MAY 2017




Rotary
DISTRICT 5050

UPCOMING EVENTS

10 JUN NORTH WHIDBEY ISLAND
25th Annual Whidbey Island Challenge Series
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Barrington Dr Hill, between Island Thrift and the Post Office, 231 SE Barrington Dr. Oak Harbor, WA



03 JUN SOUTH SURREY
Shred-A-Thon



Paper taking over your life? SHRED IT!

7 JUL LANGLEY CENTRAL
Tip'n Taste

20+ Beer & Beverage Suppliers & 7+ Food Suppliers

\$35
per ticket

7 JUL LANGLEY
Tip'n Taste

Cascades Convention Centre, 20393 Fraser Hwy, Langley, BC

Support Salvation Army Gateway of Hope

\$35
per ticket

09 JUN CHILLIWACK
Rotary Scholarship Golf Tournament

12:00 to 8:00 PM
CHILLIWACK GOLF CLUB
41894 YALE RD
CHILLIWACK, BC V2R 4J3

21 TO 23 JUL PORT MOODY
RIBFEST

A Community Event featuring **THREE DAYS** of Delicious BBQ, Free Live Music, Craft Breweries and Family Entertainment

ADMISSION FREE




COQUITLAM
Installation Dinner
June 16, 2017 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
The Vancouver Golf Club

LANGLEY CENTRAL
Installation Night
June 21, 2017 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Langley Golf Center, 21550 44, Ave, Langley, BC


10 JUN PORT MOODY
Shred-A-Thon

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



5 AUG STANWOOD CAMANO
Rotary Parade City of Stanwood

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 271ST ST NW, STANWOOD, WA



ARLINGTON
Installation Banquet
June 22, 2017 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Gleneagle Country Club, 7619 Country Club Drive
Arlington, WA 98223

PORT MOODY
Installation Night
Jun 22, 2017
Saint Street Grill

COQUITLAM SUNRISE
Installation of President
Jun 22, 2017 5:00 PM
Best Western Coquitlam on North road

09 July
DISTRICT 5050
GOVERNOR INSTALLATION
4:00 to 7:PM
Camp Alexandra
2916 McBride Avenue
Crescent Beach, BC

Celebrate the Rotary Family




LAKE STEVENS
2017 Installation Banquet
June 24, 2017 6:00 PM
Lake Stevens Senior Center, 2302 Soper Hill Rd
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

PORT COQUITLAM CENTENNIAL
Installation of President
Jun 30, 2017 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Micheal Wright Gallery -The Gathering Place
2253 Leigh Square, Port Coquitlam, BC