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Water and Sanitation Month





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Welcome to March! This year seems to be accelerating and before you know it we will be all together, not just at our District Training Assembly on April 1st, but we will be celebrating together in Seattle at our District Conference the first week of May.

In Rotary, March is "Water and Sanitation Month". It is not a surprise to me that this is and should be a major focus. When 2,200 children under the age of 5 die every day of waterborne illnesses, and this is preventable, we can do much more to make that number zero.

When we have an estimated 2.5 billion people in this World who lack basic sanitation, which is the safe disposal of human waste, much more can be done.

I am so proud of our Rotary Clubs who have recognized the opportunity to improve our World and have taken on projects because the need is so great.

My wife, Christine and I, recently returned from a trip that took us to several locations and many Rotary Clubs. We were in Delhi, India for a week and while we were there we visited a couple of schools that were created by these Rotary Clubs. These schools and students lack so much. The only thing they do not lack is children with the burning desire to learn. As I look around at these schools, I quickly realize that there are no bathrooms for the children and that ends up being a focus from the Rotary Clubs, but I can tell you that I take so much for granted until I see situations like this firsthand.

As we were going from school to school, we also noticed that a lot of people in these areas get their drinking water from a big water truck that will drive into their neighborhood and everybody would bring their big blue plastic container down to it so they could have drinking water for the next day or two.

After our time in India, we eventually made it down to the Island of Seychelles which has a couple of Rotary Clubs. We visited one of them and when asked "What project are you currently working on?", they were proud to tell us how they were providing a rain water catch basin for drinking water for a hospice center.



A school that Scott and Christine visited just a couple of weeks ago in Delhi, India. This school is in a vacant lot and thus has no bathrooms.

My Rotary Club has been able to travel down to Honduras to provide water filters to those whose drinking water source usually consists of a garden hose in a stream and their drinking water is as clean as whatever is upstream. While in Honduras, we have been able to provide outhouses to schools that have no bathrooms for their students.

What is your Rotary Club doing on this Area of Focus?

It might be providing water wells in Africa or better ways for those trying to deliver drinking water back to their village. If your Rotary Club is currently not doing something on this front, maybe you could be the Rotarian in your Rotary Club that initiates your next project.

There is so much we can do to improve "Water and Sanitation" for others. I have faith that you and your Rotary Club can and will...

MAKE IT HAPPEN!



Sand water filters installed in Honduras by the Rotary Club of North Whidbey Island Sunrise.



One of the many houses that the North Whidbey Island Sunrise Club built in Honduras



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The Monthly Newsletter of Rotary District
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SCOTT DUDLEY District Governor

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

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

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Message from JOHN F. GERM

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Diversity is our strength

Forty years ago, the Rotary Club of Duarte, Calif., admitted three women members, in violation of the Rotary International Constitution. As a result, the club's charter was terminated by RI.

Undeterred, the club's members continued to meet. They put an X over their Rotary insignia, made themselves new pins, and dubbed themselves the Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte as they continued to fight for the right of women to serve as Rotarians. Ten years later, a restored Rotary Club of Duarte sent Sylvia Whitlock, Rotary's first female club president, to a presidents-elect training seminar. Not long after that, in 1989, Rotary's Council on Legislation permanently ended Rotary's status as a men-only organization.

Today, with more than 240,000 women in our clubs, Rotary is stronger than ever. We are women and men from nearly every country of the world, serving our

communities in more than 35,000 clubs. At the club level, we need men and women of all backgrounds, ages, cultures, and professions; internationally, we need clubs in every city, country, and region of the world. The better our clubs reflect their communities, the better we can serve them. Our diversity is our strength.

It is difficult for most of us to imagine today why anyone argued so strongly against the idea of women in Rotary. Looking back, I think that opposition came from a simple resistance to change. Rotarians loved Rotary the way it was and couldn't imagine it any other way.

We still love Rotary as much as we ever did. We love the friendships and connections we make there, and the ability Rotary provides us to serve humanity. We believe Rotary has tremendous value in our own lives and in the world at large. And we recognize,

more than ever, that for Rotary to continue to grow, it needs to embrace the world it serves – in all of its diversity, all of its variety, and all of its evolving needs for service.

The Rotarians of today owe a debt of gratitude to the Rotarians of Duarte 40 years ago. Their determination, persistence, and enduring goodwill set the stage for the organization we have become: Rotary Serving Humanity.

Group study exchanges back in a new cultural avatar

RI President Elect Ian Riseley announced at the International Assembly a modified and new version of the earlier and immensely popular GSE (Group Study Exchange) programme. "Many Rotarians, myself included, miss the cultural aspect of the old programme. The opportunity to build world understanding and peace through a short exchange of our best and brightest people." Some districts have continued with the programme, he said, but "many leaders within those districts say they have difficulty in locating the



exchange partners... because right now there is no process or mechanism for sharing this information."

So the RI Board had debated "how do we meet this need? How do we make it happen?" Riseley said he found an opportunity for such exchanges "already existed in a limited way under the Rotary friendship exchange policy." So he had requested the Board to

make a change in the existing policy. The amendment has now been made and from "July 1, 2017, we encourage you to plan group cultural exchanges, or GCEs, which will be run under the banner of the Rotary Friendship Exchange Programme and it will include both Rotarians and non-Rotarians."

Riseley clarified the districts would have the flexibility to formulate their own programmes and "that programme isn't intended to replace any other programme, such as the VTTs that the clubs presently undertake. It simply provides another avenue for building world understanding, allowing us to again create an experience that was of such great value to so many."

But the RIPE made it clear that the Group Cultural Exchanges

will not be funded by TRF. "I appreciate that some districts are using their District Grants for such exchanges, of course subject to the rules of such grants." The RI staff at Evanston were available to guide the clubs and districts on the rules. But there would be flexibility on whether these were funded from district funds, the clubs or individuals. And home-stays would mean only travel cost, which would be "modest compared to the benefits."

Riseley advised the DGEs to appoint a Rotary Friendship Exchange Chair in their districts for this and urged them to make full use of their time at the IA to identify partners, adding, "I am very pleased and excited this will be a tremendous experience we can once again offer in Rotary."

READ MORE....

'Exceedingly ordinary' Langley Rotarian becomes new International VP



Dean Rohrs, a Rotary Club of Langley Central member, has been appointed 2017-18 Vice President of Rotary International.

-Image Credit: Submitted Photo

Dean Rohrs, a Rotary Club of Langley Central member has been appointed 2017-18 Vice President of Rotary International.

"I'm extremely honoured," Rohrs told The Times on Sunday.

"It is absolutely overwhelming and unbelievable the trust and faith that has been placed in me."

Rohrs is currently serving as one of 17 Directors on the Rotary International Board, representing Canada, Bermuda, Alaska and 10 other states in the US northeast

With her husband Rhino (Reinhold), Rohrs is an owner and administrator at Rhide Technologies inc., which supplies soil stabilization products for road

construction.

The couple, with their three children, emigrated to Canada from South Africa 27 years ago.

Rohrs was a nurse in Cape Town, South Africa, who was part of a Dr. Christiaan Barnard's heart transplant team.

"I consider myself to be an exceedingly ordinary Rotarian," Rohrs said.

"It just shows that, even as a woman, you are accepted in Rotary on a truly equal opportunity basis: Since joining Rotary in 1989 Rohrs has served as a Rotary coordinator, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and District Governor.

She will attend her first meeting as Vice President in July.

There are 1.2 million members in 34,000 Rotary clubs around the world.

Zone 32 Selects Jeffry Cadorette as Director-Nominee



The Zone 32 Nominating Committee met in Albany in late September and selected Jeffry Cadorette as candidate for Zone 24-32 Director. If there are no challenges, he will be declared Director-nominee on December 1 and succeed Director Dean Rohrs for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2018.

A member of the Rotary Club of Media, PA since 1977, Jeffry served as Governor of District 7450 in 1998-99.

Jeffry has frequently served as Trainer of the Governors-elect at Zone Institutes. In 2010 and 2011 he served as International Training Leader at the International Assembly in San Diego. In 2015 and 2016 he was appointed as one of the two Seminar Training Leaders whose role is to train and motivate the International Training Leaders.

He has been President's Representative and keynoter at numerous District Conferences, Rotary Foundation dinners, Rotary workshops and seminars across North America.

Jeff is a recipient of the Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award.

The Pacific Northwest President Elects Seminar, one of its kind conducted every year was packed with learning, fun and fellowship. 750+ participants were introduced to action packed and passion-filled projects organized, implemented and sustained for the good of the world from Rotary Leadership and those who unleashed the "POWER OF 1". 750 President-elects attended.



Dean Rohrs
RI Director

"One Rotarian's Story"
Read Dean's Bio



Rick King
Past R.I. President

"The Uncommon Leader"
Read Rick's Bio



John Matthews
RI Director-Elect

**"Taking Care of Members ...
The Costo Way"**
Read John's Bio



David Bobanick

**"Rotary First Harvest-
A Testament to the Power
of One Rotarian to Change
the World"**
Read David's Bio



Nancy Hughes

"Cooking shouldn't kill"
Read Nancy's Bio



Ann Lee Hussey

**"Polio - Past, Present,
Future"**
Read Ann's Bio



I saw and felt through the eyes of over 900 people and travelled virtually in their shoes in one weekend.

Together; we laughed, cried, were moved by those who shared their Rotary stories, personal stories, service above self moments, images that are tattooed in my memory from the detailed descriptions and symbols of their individual journeys near and far.

New and existing friends, many races, cultures, histories, memories, many paths, many experiences, languages and religions. The doors opened wider.

One thing that makes us all one- we are human. And each person has a story. Has feelings. Has a heart. Cares. We Care-About people. Children. Polio. About animals. About clean water, the environment, the "world" and humanity.

ASK, LISTEN and you will then understand.

Take action where needed. Remove barriers. Build foundations. Give HOPE. Smile. Demonstrate Love. Be KIND. Then...and until then... we shall have peace. I've been impacted by all of those who I had the honour to connect with this weekend. Thank you to all of you and to Rotary Club of Haney for supporting Laura and I to attend Presidents Elect Training (PETS) for the Pacific Northwest. We all have a responsibility to do good for our families, friends, in our communities, this world and for each other.

I want the people of this world to feel the love and also have this opportunity... If you are like minded; and this resonates I'm happy to get you involved and get you connected! My passion was reignited and the flame is even stronger thanks to the help I have in 2017 and beyond!

Keesha Dorosz-Rosario , PE Haney

749.5* other President-Elects (Keesha is a co-president of her club) share the same or similar views after attending this years PETS - fully charged and ready to walk those extra miles with Rotary: Doing Good in the World .

Mohan C. V. Mohanan, PE Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial & Editor, Peace Arch Journal

Talking Pictures

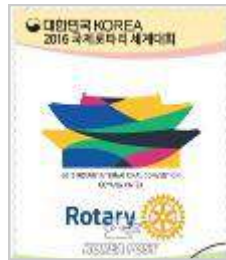
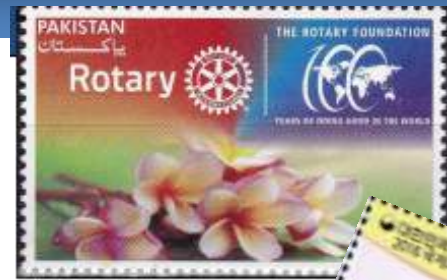


One hundred years of Rotary across the globe has resulted in many commemorative postage stamps. Rotary on Stamps, the Rotary fellowship dedicated to counting and collecting these stamps, estimates that over 2000 postage stamps have been issued by more than 130 nations worldwide to honor Rotary International.

Many of these stamps tend to be issued on anniversaries — and so it is no surprise that the latest stamp, from Pakistan, honors the 100th anniversary of Rotary. And sometimes these stamps have an interesting genesis. This one was designed by Mahru Arif Ali, a member of the Rotary Club of Lahore Model Town, and spouse of the current District Governor.

Sometimes stamps are issued at the time of an International Convention in the issuing country. The most recent example is the stamp issued by Korea in time for the 2016 Convention in Seoul.

Other stamps commemorate and promote Rotary's service ideals. We particularly like Portugal's 2015 stamp that urges us all to "End Polio Now." Because the message is in English, it seems fair to ask the proposed audience for this stamp!



Dining for Dollars

Long-time RI general secretary George Means displays a scroll of checks that Rotarians redirected to The Foundation by foregoing meals at their weekly meetings in this undated photograph from Dave Forward's *Doing Good in the World* (page 183). The Million Dollar Meals project started in clubs in New England and quickly spread throughout the Rotary world.

The cost of a meal may not seem like much of a donation, but the goal was to collectively raise \$1 million. Sound familiar?

A Million Dollar Meals campaign could be just as relevant today, when the average club member spends more per annum on his/her own meals than s/he does to support The Rotary Foundation! Now that's food for thought!





Welcome to Rotary Jasmine!

Last Friday, (January 30, 2017) Jasmine Diedrich became the newest Rotarian in the world. Governor-Elect Lindagene Coyle and Past Governor Sean-Carol Hogan joined Governor-Nominee Linda Murray and the South Everett Mukilteo Rotary club in welcoming Jasmine (seated center) who at the age of 23 already owns 10 espresso shops!

Check her website out here:
[https://
www.diedrichespresso.com](https://www.diedrichespresso.com).

Students of the Month honored



On Wednesday, January 25, 2017, Rotary club of Monroe, Washington, celebrated the first group of "Students of The Month" from Monroe and Sultan high schools.

From left to right: Tholen Blasko, Noemi Sandoval, Erick Garcia-Ramirez, Quinn Geraghty, Shayne Merwin, Jennifer Ramsey, Fernando Quintana, Haily King, and Lena Lombardi.

ARLINGTON

Danette Klemens, Our Newest Member, inducted

Welcome to Rotary, Danette!



Membership Director Mike Britt Welcomes Danette with Bob Campbell and Dave Duskin Looking On

Danette is the new Executive Director at the Stillaguamish Senior Center. She was proposed for membership by Dave Duskin and Bob Campbell will be her mentor.

Danette was born in Salt Lake City, UT. She graduated from high school in Madison, Wisconsin and attended University of Wisconsin and Bellevue Community College and earned her associates degree. She received her Bachelors Degree in Sociology with a minor in Gerontology from WSU.

Her working in the field started in Florida. She returned to Washington in 2009 and has previously worked for Senior Services of Snohomish County and the Northshore Senior Center in King County.

She is married to Patrick Looney and cares for her father who has vascular dementia. They live in Marysville. She enjoys traveling and gardening.

2nd Annual Starfish Pasta Party nets Over \$10,000 for Aldergrove Hungry Kids

December School Holidays Covered for the First Time

The St. Dunstain's Anglican Church hall was full, hot and noisy the last Saturday night of November as 150 Starfish Pack supporters enthusiastically enjoyed the delicious pasta meal donated by Bonetti Meats while digging deep into their pockets to help fund next year's Aldergrove Rotary Starfish Backpack Program.

The second annual Starfish pasta party netted enough money to fill 20 of the targeted backpacks with food for local school children in need every weekend during the 2017/2018 school year.

The Starfish Program is also thrilled to announce that for the first time since its inception two years ago, backpacks were provided for the December 2016 school holiday. Instead of filling 50 backpacks on December 16th, volunteers filled 100, ensuring the children wouldn't go hungry over Christmas.

"We hope we can continue filling backpacks for school holiday periods," Rotarian Charlie Fox exclaims.

The Aldergrove Rotary Club is committed to providing a total of 50 backpacks every year to help feed hungry kids on weekends in three local schools. The current school year is fully funded and thanks to the amazing generosity of this community, next year is well on its way.



Gord presented President Jack with his Paul Harris +1 pin for his support of the Rotary Foundation.

Starfish Pack

Program to extend to other schools thanks to the proceeds from the Poco Winter Blues Festival



Rotary Rocks. It surely it does!

That is what the Poco Winter Blues Festival was all about - a family get away into the world of blues music. The community in Poco was provided with a feast of blues music, food and entertainments all for raising awareness of the need for food for some hungry school children in Port Coquitlam.

While our supports spent lots of money on refreshments, they gladly did so, because of their belief that is money well spend for feeding the hungry children in Port Coquitlam elementary schools.

The success of the program helps the club extend its service into other schools in Port Coquitlam.

BURLINGTON

Program Helps Fight Weekend Hunger



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

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

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

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

[Click here to read more of this article from the Skagit Valley Herald.](#)



Rotary Moment - A BIG SURPRISE!

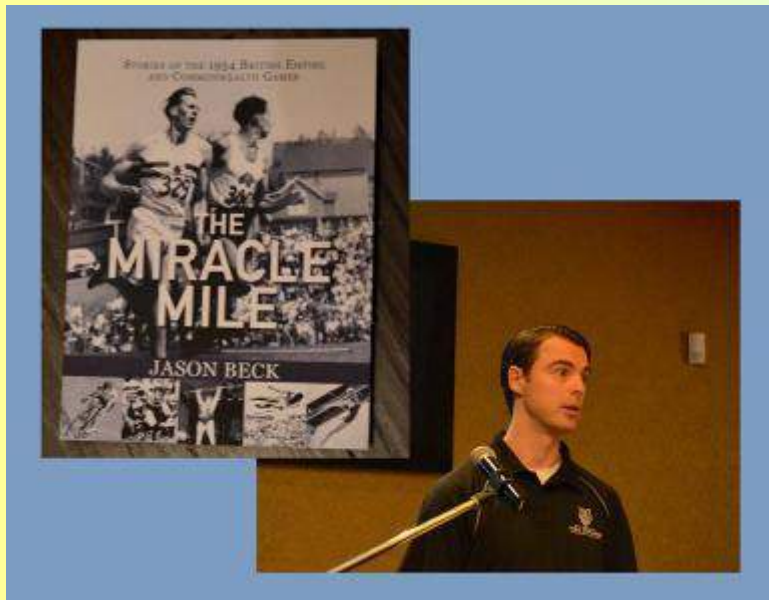
A Rotary Moment by Tracy DeLorm last Friday turned into a very Big Surprise for her visiting mother, Judi Richardson. During last Friday's meeting, Tracy talked about her mother and the influence she had on getting her involved and being part of the community activities reflecting as well as reflecting on Paul Harris and Rotary. After a brief commentary, Tracy asked her mother to come forward, in shock and surprise her mother Judi was given a Paul Harris award courtesy of Tracy.



Helping in the presentation was Club President, Sam Low and the Club Rotary Foundation chair Jim Haugen. What a wonderful surprise for Judi and the entire club. I'm sure it was the topic of her conversation during their shopping trip to downtown Seattle and a visit with Tracy's sister.

Former member and Tracy's husband, Dave, was on hand to capture the moment in pictures.

**Another, ALL IN THE FAMILY MOMENT.
ABBOTSFORD-SUMAS**



Great chatting moment ...

with 9-time Paul Harris fellowship recipient, Michael Adkins (on



left) from the Rotary Club of Abbotsford Sumas at The Reach Gallery Museum Abbotsford to celebrate the 100 Years of Rotary Foundation. Michael is pictured here with MLA for Abbotsford South Darryl Plecas

Meet the ever-smiling President of Rotary Club of Mission MIDDAY

**President Brad Reminek
pictured during one of
those "Kodak Moments"**



ABBOTSFORD-MATSQUI.

A Fascinating presentation

January 12, 2017

Guest speaker was Jason Beck, who grew up in Abbotsford and is now curator and facility director at the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame. Jason spoke about his book, "The Miracle Mile" which is a collection of stories about the 1954 British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Vancouver. While the mile race between Bannister and Landy at the games is most well known, there are many other wonderful stories from those games, including the Canadian rowing 8's upsetting the British crew for gold. That race was held on the Vedder Canal and over 10,000 spectators lined the banks of the Vedder to witness the upset.

TriCities Rotary Clubs wins the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce 2016 Business Excellence Award for Best Non Profit category.



The clubs in the Tri-Cities are:

- ROTARY CLUB OF PORT MOODY, represented by . ❶ President Patty Klassen,
- ROTARY CLUB OF COQUITLAM represented by President ❷ David Munro and ❸ Noella Neal
- ROTARY CLUB OF PORT COQUITLAM CENTENNIAL represented by ❹ President Barrie Seaton and ❺ Past President Ron Goyette; and
- ROTARY CLUB OF COQUITLAM SUNRISE represented by ❻ Area Governor, Preet Pall.

Snow, hail or storm - the Service MUST go on...



The Rotarians, Rotaractors and Rotary Friends who turned out on a snowy Feb. (4th) Saturday to load a 40' highboy container sponsored by the Rotary Club of Langley Central being shipped to the Philippines.

Ralph says **it is the first time we ever loaded in the middle of a snow storm!**

The container was filled with hospital beds and mattresses, bed side tables, hospital linens, wheelchairs, walkers and other goodies that will be put to good use on their arrival.

A special thanks to Derek who did a huge job in packing the can with the assistance of some less able (strong) Rotarians!!



Congratulations to Rotary Club of Chilliwack Fraser



Everett Shares Century of Service

On page 10 of the Zone newsletter "Beyond Borders", you'll see two very nice stories about our Centennial and our visit by RI President John Germ. Thanks to the Rotary zone team!

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ROTARY CLUB OF COQUITLAM SUNRISE

Like Dad, like sons



Rotarian Tom Albanese and his two sons, Chris and Adon, received their badges last night with the Sasmat Volunteer Fire Department as they completed their probationary period and were welcomed into full membership.

Another fellow Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise member Dave McCloskey with Tom.

Dave is also part of the Sasmat Volunteer Fire Dept. Tom first met the McCloskey family 40 years ago and now, after all those years, Tom and Dave are volunteering together in their community. "Well done" to all!

and.....



If you don't know Tom, you have never been to the Rotary World Help Warehouse in Riverview. Tom is always there to help with the forklift. As any Rotarian who serves he is the best at it!



Jackson Martin Awarded Disney Service Grant!

Jackson Martin, a 5-year-old from Arlington, Wash. has been awarded a Disney Summer of Service grant through YSA (Youth Service America). The grant will support Jackson in leading a community service project that addresses the issue of child safety and recreation.

Jackson is one of 340 young leaders across the country awarded a \$500 Disney Summer of Service grant to organize projects to help make their communities healthier, greener and stronger. Grantees will educate and mobilize their peers around issues facing their communities, creating solutions through awareness, service, advocacy, and philanthropic activities.

Jackson has chosen to partner with the Rotary Club of Arlington for the service project. In 2015 the Rotary Club of

Arlington committed to building a splash pad at Haller Park. The splash pad will add a fun and safe play area for kids and families to enjoy alongside the Stillaguamish River. The Club hopes to break ground on the splash pad in July 2017.

Jackson presented the grant funds to the Rotary Club of Arlington at their weekly noon meeting on February 9, 2017 at the Arlington Free Methodist Church located at 730 Highland Drive. Activities for the Disney Summer of Service project, including site preparation for the splash pad, will take place March 11, 2017 at 9 a.m. at Haller Park. Children ages 5-12 are invited to participate in the service project.

For more information, visit www.YSA.org.
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Founded in 1986, YSA (Youth Service America) supports a global culture of engaged children and youth committed to a lifetime of meaningful service, learning, and leadership. With half the world's population under age 25, YSA's mission is to help young people find their voice, take action, and make an impact on vital community issues.

YSA will focus on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

The YSA program model:

- **Activates** through campaigns like Global Youth Service Day and Semester of Service;
- **Funds** with YSA Grants;
- **Trains** with resources and trainings offered in the YSA Learning Center; and
- **Recognizes** through awards, storytelling, and visibility campaigns.

ROTARY CLUB OF COQUITLAM SUNRISE



January 31 - Quite the morning for the Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise this past Tuesday. Not only did Assistant District Governor and past president Preet Pall receive the highly coveted 'Drive for Five' certificate, but Malcolm Kennedy surprised his wonderful wife Evelyn by awarding a well deserved Paul Harris Fellowship award.



We also had Poco Mayor Greg Moore and Rita Albano speaking about the exciting capital campaign for improvements to the Hawthorne Lodge!

Welcome to new Rotarians

Rotary welcome to Gillian Villeneuve who joined the Rotary Club of Mt. Cheam in January



All in all 25 new members joined various clubs in District 5050 in January.

A GOOD START FOR 2017



Rotary welcome to Patrick and Dan who joined the Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise in January



Congratulations to Stan Wylie and John Panrucker of Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise (pictured here with the President Chris Wilson) on their Paul Harris Award



Rotary welcome to Blaine Bailey who joined the Rotary Club of Abbotsford in January.



Members honoured for service to humanity



January 2017: Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, Ron Kelly (left), presented Milt Walker (right) with a Paul Harris +7 Fellow award!



January 2017: Doris Woodman-McMillan (left) was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow today, by club president, Sara Lawson,(right) for her selfless service to our community and our club.



Rotary Received donation from the Founders Cup

The rotary club of Haney received a cheque in the amount of \$5,000 from the Founders Cup.

Front Row: Noel Isberg, Neil Smith, Laura Egan, Jesse Sidhu, Jan Hickman, Peter Tam, Mike Morden, Dick Drew

Back Row: Chris Duyvestyn, Peter Hayes, Keesha Rosario

HOPE ROTARY CLUB

Promoting Literacy

Rotary Club's Dictionary Initiative guarantees that every 3rd Grader in Hempstead County receives their very own, personalized dictionary. These students are very excited to have this tool with THEIR name in it! And the Hope Rotary Club is proud to assist in this effort



(Left) Rotarian Clay Lance and Noah, with his dictionary



Happy Children with their personal dictionaries



AHS INTERACT in partnership with ARLINGTON ROTARY CLUB

ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON

January 24, 2017: Our January service project was to help with the Point in Time Count. Members of the new AHS Interact Club that we sponsor joined us in making the count.

"Today some of the Interactors participated in the Point in Time Count. What a great experience, and we felt privileged to be a part of it. " - AHS Interact

CANADIAN EYESIGHT GLOBAL Free Eye Check-up and Cataract Camp in Delhi, India

On February 11, the Rotary Club of Delhi Metropolitan held an Eye Camp at Gurudwara Sahib Fateh Nagar where Governor Scott Dudley and his gracious wife were the Chief Guest.

Sardar Gurcharan Singh ji and his team were present and they had brought Langar as the Gurudwara Sahib had not prepared the same. It was very kind of Sardar Gurcharan Singh ji to do so at a very short notice.

Governor Scott Dudley Scott spoke on the occasion praising the efforts of Rotarian Anup Singh Jubbal. Tributes were also paid to Baba Sardar Khazan Singh ji Khalsa.

Dr. Shroffs Eye Hospital will perform the 50 surgeries. Our sincere gratitude for your support for this Eye Camp to honour Governor Scott Dudley visit to Delhi. We will always remain grateful to Canadian Eyesight Global for their support.

The camp was organized by the Rotary Club of Surrey Guildford in partnership with the Rotary Club of Delhi Metropolitan, Faridabad Sri Guru Singh Sabha Panchayan and Dr. Shroffs Charitable Eye Hospital in Delhi.



**DG Scott Dudley and Christine Dudley
pictured with other Rotarians and organizers of the Camp**





President of Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise, Chris Wilson was presented with \$1090 by Richard McIlmoyl from Excel Martial Arts - Coquitlam and Excel Martial Arts Port Coquitlam for KidSport Tri-Cities

PORT MOODY

Generous Hearts Food Drive

11 February 2017:

Busy Saturday, lots of donated food and record money donations (one guy put in \$50 bucks!) Kudos to Brian heading up this years Food Drive

Pictured below are the Rotarians at this years Food Drive



Picture Right ►

Port Moody Rotarians were also found cleaning Heritage Mountain Boulevard on Saturday, February 4th.

By Melissa Ward, Rotary Club of Twin Bridges, Southern Saratoga, New York, USA

A Facebook page gives your club a voice on Facebook. With so much other "noise" on social media, there are several things you can do to raise your club's page above the distractions.

- **Make good use of visuals.** Your cover photo is prime real estate. Use a photo that really speaks to your club's mission. Post fun, active photos.
- **Post regularly.** Share your club's next program, a photo of a project, create an event for your next fundraiser. For example, post your speaker every Monday. Share a photo every Wednesday. Share an article from Rotary.org every Friday.
- **Encourage club members to LIKE and SHARE posts from your Facebook Page.** This is where the magic of social media kicks in. When members share posts onto their personal Facebook page, their connections can see it, like it and increase the club's exposure exponentially. This is key to keeping your club's posts in the newsfeed.
- **Your FaceBook page can become a source for donations.** If your club's page has been set up as a not for profit and is verified you may be able to collect donations. See Face book's rules. Once your club is approved, people who like your page can run fundraising campaigns on your organization's behalf. **Note:** This is currently only for USA based club's that are or have a foundation that is a registered 501(c)3.
- **Tag other businesses and organizations you work with.** Place the @ sign in front of the business name and their FaceBook page should appear. Select it and it will be tagged in the post. That sends a notice to that business, and gives them the opportunity to share your post onto their page. Now you have even MORE exposure.
- **Have more than one person as a page admin.** Our club page has 3 admins. Each of us is responsible for different aspects of the page. This prevents the page from being forgotten, or from getting lost.
- **Use Milestones.** Add a milestone for your charter date, for each president, for major events or awards. Milestones increase engagement AND give you a timeline of your club's history.

The above tips may seem like a lot, but you can do them over time. The most impactful activity is having club members like and share your club's posts. This helps your club increase its reach and gain awareness in the local community. Using free tools like Hootsuite and Canva will make managing your page easier and more efficient.

About the author:

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PROUD MEMBER Rotary

Rotarians take pride in their communities.



Two weeks in a row. We will never be tired until the work is done!



Youth Adventures in Leadership (YAIL) 2017 a massive success!

By Jeff Harrison, Semiahmoo (White Rick)

Youth Adventures in Leadership (YAIL) had another successful weekend at Camp Alexandra in Crescent Beach on January 20 – 22, 2017.

52 participants, in the 10th and 11th grades (ages 15 - 17) arrived on the Friday wondering why they were there and on Sunday 52 young leaders left with a new perspective on life. As the wise Sal Abbot said this weekend, *"it's okay not to be perfect. You don't have to be perfect to be a leader. You just have to act. Leadership is an action. Not a title."*

Connor said "Coming into it, I had no idea what to expect. I figured it would be a same old leadership conference and was not extremely excited. The first hour I was there, I was proved wrong. The lessons and concepts I learned at YAIL were clearer

to me than they have ever been and it only took two days for it to happen. I learned and understood more in this short period of time than I have learned in multiple previous week long conferences I have attended."

Another participant said *"I won't sugar coat it - I came into YAIL as a quiet, troubled, simple girl in my bubble and this weekend took me out of my bubble, gave me many new friends and new skills to interact. Being able to connect with people like me and people totally opposite to me.. and changed me in a positive way!"*

The weekend curriculum is managed by a team of outstanding facilitators who are past attendees of both YAIL and RYLA. Kudos to the District 5050 YAIL organizing committee which just happens to include Semiahmoo Rotary's very own Ray Paquet and Jeff Harrison.

Another Rotary Youth Program!



ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON

On February 2 the new Interact Club of Arlington High School inducted 21 new members. Rotary International issued a charter on November 9 to the new club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Arlington



We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today!

- Stacia Tauscher

ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON

Bungoma Water Project

Rotary Club of Arlington WA and Rotary Club of Bungoma Kenya were able to budget a 3 kilometer extension of the water line from the main holding tank in Namirembe into rural areas. There are several more schools and 30 more households that will be served. We estimate that over 5,000 local residents will benefit from sustainable clean water supply! Way to go Rotarians!

Check out the Bungoma Water Project Facebook page to see photos of the recently extended water line.



ROTARY CLUB OF SEMIAHMOO

LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

\$12,000 Donation to Hospice



Proceeds from Sip & Savor being donated to
WRSS Hospice Society
\$12,000!!

ROTARIANS RECOGNIZED



Ginny receiving her Paul Harris...
plus THREE!



Yolanta receiving her first Paul Harris
Fellow.



Rotary International Board adopts new zone structure

At its January 2017 meeting, the Rotary International Board of Directors adopted a new zone structure for Rotary clubs.

Rotary bylaws require the Board to complete a comprehensive review of the 34 Rotary zones no less often than every eight years to ensure that each zone has an approximately equal number of Rotarians. The Board’s previous review of the zones occurred in 2008.

The Board earlier approved the

“I think the regional workgroups did a great job,” says Rotary President John F. Germ.

“Rezoning is always an emotional subject for some Rotarians, but the workgroups and Board acted courageously in an effort to be fair to all concerned.”

creation of three regional workgroups to develop rezoning proposals for Asia, Europe/Africa, and the Americas. These workgroups comprised one representative (either a current director, incoming director, or

immediate past director) from each zone in the region. The regional workgroups submitted their proposals to the Zones Review Committee, chaired by past Rotary Vice President Michael K. McGovern, which consolidated them into a single, worldwide plan for the Board’s consideration.

The Board will consider other zone-related issues such as sectioning, pairing, and director election rotation at its June 2017 meeting.

If you have questions, please contact zones@rotary.org.

Download the [new zone structure](#) and the [board decision timeline](#)

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

New Zone Structure*

RI Board Decision 94, January 2017

- 1 Bangladesh, Indonesia, Japan (northern), Pakistan
- 2 Guam, Japan (central), Micronesia, Northern Marianas, Palau
- 3 Japan (southern)
- 4 India (western and northern)
- 5 India (southern), Maldives, Sri Lanka
- 6 Bhutan, India (eastern), Nepal
- 7 India (central and southern)
- 8 Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Islands
- 9 China, Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia, Taiwan
- 10 Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand
- 11 South Korea (northern)
- 12 South Korea (southern)
- 13 Andorra, Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Monaco
- 14 Italy, Malta, San Marino
- 15 Germany (northern and central)
- 16 Germany (southern), Israel, Switzerland
- 17 Aland Islands, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Russia (western), Sweden (northern)
- 18 Denmark, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Sweden (southern)

- 19 England (northern), Ireland, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales
- 20 England (southern), Portugal, Spain, The Netherlands
- 21 Austria, Eastern Europe, Middle East
- 22 Africa
- 23 Central America, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, USA (TX), Venezuela
- 24 Brazil (central and northern)
- 25 Antarctica, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil (southern), Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay
- 26 **Canada, Russia (eastern), St. Pierre & Miquelon, USA (AK, ME, MI, NY, WA)**
- 27 USA (CA, CO, ID, MT, NE, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY)
- 28 USA (AZ, CA, CO, HI, NM, NV, TX)
- 29 USA (IA, IL, KS, MI, MN, ND, NE, OK, SD, WI)
- 30 USA (AL, IN, KY, MS, OH, TN)
- 31 USA (AR, IL, KS, LA, MO, MS, OK, TN, TX)
- 32 **Bermuda, Canada, USA (CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT)**
- 33 USA (D.C., DE, MD, NC, PA, SC, TN, VA, WV)
- 34 The Caribbean, French Guiana, Guyana, Puerto Rico, Suriname, USA (FL, GA, SC)

**Zone numbers subject to change; sectioning and pairings to be approved by the RI Board at its June 2017 meeting.*





@ ROTARY FIELDHOUSE, SOUTH SURREY ON FEBRUARY 18, 2017



Rotary lost a great leader and friend to many of us in Zone 24. Vern Nielsen was the current District 5060 Governor and our friend from Kelowna BC. He was a great contributor to both his community and Rotary, and will be greatly missed with much sadness.

Our sympathy and condolences go out to Willy and their family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Vern fought a long and courageous cancer battle and inspired many, with the way he kept a positive spirit and attitude about life.

He was surrounded in his final days by his family, and you must all know that he was fighting with everything he had left to make it to his District Conference and his Million Dollar dinner.

**He lived for you,
he lived for Rotary.**

As our Rotary International Director Dean Rohrs has said, "Rotary and Rotarians were the wind under his wings".

May his soul rest in peace.

AT THE END OF
THE DAY IT'S NOT
ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE
OR EVEN WHAT YOU'VE
ACCOMPLISHED... IT'S
ABOUT WHO YOU'VE
LIFTED UP, WHO YOU'VE
MADE BETTER. IT'S
ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE
GIVEN BACK.

DENZEL WASHINGTON



Participants pictured with John Edwards, Membership Co-Chair (Canada), with "techie" Ajay Caleb hiding behind him.

In John's own words, there was more energy *"in this room than I ever experienced"*

In an e-mail to the participants, John wrote: *"Your level of participation was high and I could not be prouder of your team effort and commitment to making the event a successful one. My sincere thanks to all."*

VERY TRUE!

"I experienced the same . I am sure DG Elect Lindagene Coyle will also agree."

- Mohan, Editor PAJ



**John Edwards
leading the
seminar in
South Surrey**

"Rotary: From Back to the Future"



Greetings Rotarians. I'm writing to give you an update on our **Rotary Networking Plus** website.

You can easily visit the site by going to www.rotarynetworkingplus.com

What do I mean by "Rotary: From Back to the Future"?

When Rotary began 112 years ago, founder Paul Harris and his colleagues were interested in doing business with each other. The Rotary Club of Chicago, in those early days, took business with club members very seriously.

We are going back to our roots by encouraging Rotarians and the general public to **"Do Business with Rotarians."** This program in no way conflicts with our motto: "Service Above Self" and nicely embraces, "Building good will and Better Friendships and being Beneficial to all concerned."

We want people to join Rotary and "do good in the world" and to support each other in the process.

It is our belief that the culture of each club can be strengthened and enhanced by supporting each other's business or profession.

What are the 168 business/profession categories on the site? Take a look.

We are "spotlighting" these businesses on our District 5050 Face Book page and District website.

Check us out and encourage your fellow Rotarians, families and friends to **"Do Business with Rotary!"**

All the best.

Denis Boyd
Past District Governor
Chair - Rotary Networking Plus



Networking in Style

Rotary Club of North Delta find it an opportune moment to network with the membership by celebrating the Oscar Night in style.

PDG Sean Hogan and his wife Carol decided to dress up for the event ... Sean chose to wear his signature bow tie. (*Note this is not the same one he wore at his son's wedding*). Their son John Tiberius also joined the parents with his lovely fiancée Sapphire

Guests were treated to lots of goodies to keep the sugar level afloat... (especially for Sean who rushed for the event from Seattle after the PETS and visiting hospitality suites in the PH (Paul Harris) floor of the hotel.

Good to see you standing straight Sean!



And then there was these charming ladies who chose to take a ride back to their past lead by Pat Bondoo7 And Mike and Peggy Pollen.





Your gift transforms lives

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you can be completely confident that your fellow Rotarians put those donations to work on life-changing projects in our six areas of focus. That confidence should inspire our continued support, especially when we consider the remarkable results.

In March, as we observe Water and Sanitation Month, let's take a closer look at how Rotarian-led projects are



Manitoba honors Rotary Peace Fellow for public achievement

By Paul Engleman

Refugees who come to Winnipeg often end up living in areas that are predominantly inhabited by indigenous people.

"Newcomers do not know much about the indigenous life and heritage and, without that knowledge, the first thing they encounter is people who are poor and stereotyped by the mainstream community," says Abdikheir "Abdi" Ahmed, a 2011-12 Rotary Peace Fellow and immigration partnership coordinator for the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg. "Indigenous people may see immigrants as encroaching into their neighborhoods. There is tension between both groups."

providing millions of people with access to clean water and adequate sanitation facilities. This area of focus has long been high on many Rotarians' service agendas, and for good reason—663 million people do not have access to clean water and one-third of the world's population live without access to a toilet.

Think about how different life would be if you had to spend hours each day fetching water or worry about the threat of dysentery, cholera, Guinea worm, and a host of other water-borne diseases.

Our efforts in providing clean water have far-reaching effects. An estimated 10,000 clubs participate in water- and sanitation-related projects, with strong support from our Foundation. In 2015-16 alone, The Rotary Foundation provided \$19 million for global grants in the area of focus.

And that's just one of the six critically important issues that our Foundation is addressing today. In 2015-16, our Foundation provided \$76 million for global grants, which also fight disease, save mothers and children, promote peace, support education and provide economic opportunities to many people worldwide. Your gifts are what makes this good work possible.

Our foundation was conceived in 1917 to "do good in the world," and that is exactly what it has been doing for 100 years. To celebrate the milestone, I encourage all Rotarians to consider making a special centennial contribution to ensure that we continue our urgent and transformational work throughout the world.

Ahmed works to smooth relations, helping them see they have more in common than what divides them. "Integration is a two-way process," he says.

In recognition of his work, Ahmed received the Order of the Buffalo Hunt, one of the highest honours for public achievement issued by the Manitoba legislature, in January 2016.

"I never thought what I was doing had this significance," he says. "But I don't look at what I have done. I look at what needs to be done to bring about better living standards for people."

Ahmed, 37, may understand the needs of immigrants better than most.

Originally from Somalia, he and his family fled the conflict there and settled in Kenya when he was a child.

As a young adult, he moved to Canada as part of the national resettlement program. He began working with refugee children who were struggling in school while attending the University of Winnipeg, where he earned a degree in international development in 2007.

After graduation, Ahmed began working at the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba.

He learned about the Rotary Peace Centers program from Noëlle DePape, a colleague who had earned her master's degree at the University of Queensland, Australia, through the fellowship.

[READ MORE.](#)

My hope is that in the next 20 to 50 years, if we have more Rotary Peace Fellows around the world who are speaking the same language and taking on a leadership role to create an interconnected world, things will change.

Abdikheir "Abdi" Ahmed

DISTRICT FOUNDATION GIVING

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

Annual Giving:	\$ 284,996.43
	(\$110.68 per capita)
PolioPlus:	\$ 76572.40
Endowment:	\$ 11,559.36
Other Funds:	\$ 4,918.42
Total combined giving:	\$ 378,046.61

Annual Giving Honor Roll

for clubs over \$100 per capita:

1	Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	373.00
2	White Rock Peninsula	BC	287.22
3	Langley Central	BC	271.41
4	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	267.50
5	White Rock	BC	267.27
6	Langley	BC	250.13
7	North Delta	BC	239.29
8	San Juan Island	WA	236.10
9	Fidalgo Island	WA	199.75
10	Semiahmoo	BC	193.00
11	Everett	WA	190.54
12	South Whidbey	WA	185.42
13	La Conner	WA	182.43
14	Burlington	WA	180.85
15	Port Moody	BC	165.91
16	Coquitlam Sunrise	BC	165.52
17	Arlington	WA	158.61
18	Whidbey Westside	WA	155.07
19	Lake Stevens	WA	155.00
20	Abbotsford	BC	148.63
21	Port Coquitlam	BC	147.06
22	Chilliwack	BC	140.93
23	Surrey	BC	128.57
24	Meadow Ridge	BC	126.60
25	Monroe	WA	126.02
26	Surrey-Guildford	BC	120.76
27	North Whidbey Island Sunrise	WA	116.88

PolioPlus Contributions Honor Roll

for clubs above \$100 per capita:

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

During 2016-2017, the Rotary Foundation will have its 100th Anniversary. I would like to see every club achieve \$100 per capita for Annual Giving, in honor of the Rotary Foundation's 100th Anniversary. If your club needs help setting or recording goals, please contact myself or our District's Rotary Foundation team. We would be happy to help your club in any area related to Rotary Foundation giving.

If your club needs help with encouraging members to contribute to the Rotary Foundation, Foundation paperwork, speaking programs or if you have members that contribute \$1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation and would like to be recognized as Paul Harris Society members, please feel free to contact me.

In particular, by giving to the Annual Fund, you are empowering Rotary to carry out successful global and local initiatives. Supporting the Annual Fund means a teacher will have books and supplies for first graders, an expectant mother will receive prenatal care, and communities will enjoy their newly-constructed well. The Annual Fund is considered un-restricted giving and can go wherever the need is greatest, with half of the contributions going toward the World Fund and the other half coming back to our District 5050, in three years, which can be used for some of your club's local projects, under our District's grant program.

So, if you contribute \$100 to the Annual Fund, all \$100 goes toward Rotary programs and projects. Although, the reason that we give is to make a difference in the world and locally, Rotary also likes to recognize clubs that contribute over \$100 per member and if every member contributes something toward the Rotary Foundation, especially clubs in which every member contributes \$100 or more. I am looking forward to seeing every club being recognized, for having had every member contribute something, to the Rotary Foundation, and receiving the new TRF banner in November. For 2015-2016 term, we had 35 out of 57 clubs over \$100 per capita, including 7 100% Sustaining Member clubs. One of my goals, is to improve our District 5050's Annual Giving statistics and that more clubs in our District are recognized for their contributions. We are one of the best Rotary Districts in the world and I think that it is wonderful, when our clubs are recognized by RI.

I thought that I would share with you, a few reasons why my Stanwood/Camano Island, WA club has done well with Foundation giving over the past few years. One reason is that I ask my club to make contributions to the Rotary Foundation. I ask every member to contribute, at least \$100 toward Annual Giving. I try to let our members know what their gifts do and the programs that they help and that money comes back to our District and our club for Grants and projects. My club has been a 100% Sustaining Member club for the past 5 terms and 6 of the past 7 terms. We were also the first club in D5050 to be recognized as a 100% Paul Harris club. I also give each member an update on their lifetime giving and whether they have contributed during the current term and how close they are to Paul Harris awards. My club offers 500 Paul Harris recognition points for members who sign up for TRF Direct. I have also used my personal Paul Harris recognition points to match member's contributions or if they contributed more than \$150 during the term. I would be happy, if my club ranked 57th in the District, at our giving level, because our D5050 would raise a ton of funds for the Rotary Foundation and we would be able to offer more funds for our District's grants and projects.

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

Steve Morach
D5050 Annual Giving
D5050 Paul Harris Society
Stephen.morach@ampf.com

Host clubs can drive global grant success

With their knowledge of community needs and their local contacts, host clubs play a key role in the success of global grant-funded projects. Read about how the Rotary Club of Rio Claro-Cidade Azul in São Paulo, Brazil, and Rotarians in District 2041 (Italy) established a movement analysis laboratory for children with motor disabilities.



A member of the project reviews data on patients' movements

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION FOCUS FOR THE YEAR



Paul A. Netzel
Rotary Foundation
Trustee Chair-elect
Rotary Club of Los Angeles

Excerpt from his speech at the International Assembly, San Diego 17 January

... Like you, I have a new job. While mine will be to serve as chair of The Rotary Foundation, we have much in common in our preparations to serve Rotary...

...And I am certain you have an idea. You have a passion! And, if you believe, you can achieve your goals!

... Our Foundation is what gives every Rotarian the opportunity to be part of Rotary's achievements of the past, present, and into the future. It gives every Rotarian, in every Rotary club, the chance to exercise the power of an idea.

As leaders in Rotary, we are responsible for strengthening our clubs, enhancing our public image, and increasing our humanitarian service. The Rotary Foundation is the vehicle to accomplish all three of these!

Our Foundation has supported thousands of ideas over the course of 100 years. We have raised and invested more than \$4.1 billion for programs that have prevented disease, improved health, provided education, community development, water and sanitation, and have fostered peace around the world.

And our Foundation continually evolves. I hope you have seen the new online grant

application tool. This reflects the work of the Trustees and staff in response to your ideas and input.

Now, let's look at our Foundation's priority goals for 2017-18.

First, The Rotary Foundation will have a comprehensive fundraising target of \$315 million. The Annual Fund goal will be \$135 million to continue funding many of our life-changing programs.

Four of every five Rotary clubs worldwide give to the Annual Fund. And Every Rotarian, Every Year giving of at least \$100 U.S. to our Annual Fund remains a high priority. Just over 35 percent of our members worldwide give directly to TRF. We can do better! So I ask, will you help grow the number of Rotarians giving?

As leaders we need to do a better job of increasing our members' knowledge of the Foundation. Being a Rotarian allows each of us to become a philanthropist. True philanthropy is not measured by the size of one's gift — rather by the gift in relation to one's financial ability.

Just imagine a network of 1.2 million philanthropists!

Think of how close we are to ending polio now and forever! Polio remains our No. 1 priority. Our polio fundraising goal remains at \$35 million per year. And with the Gates Foundation 2-to-1 match, this will produce \$105 million in 2017-18.

Our effort to end polio is like running a marathon. Right now, we are in the final leg. It might be the hardest — but the finish line is so close we can see it.

We must and we will finish!

Even after we stop transmission of the virus, we must remember that "zero isn't done." We will need 36 consecutive months with no new cases of polio before the world can be certified polio-free. This final leg will require the same unwavering commitment of our resources, funding attention, and support.

As the recent reappearance of polio in Nigeria showed us, vigilance and surveillance are essential to achieving our goal. We must and we will finish!

We will continue working with our core partners. And thanks to matching funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary has already contributed \$1.6 billion to the cause.

We must and we will finish!

Another priority is to encourage Rotarians to make gifts to our Foundation's Endowment Fund. This is a great way for all Rotarians to perpetuate their values and provide resources for future generations. 2017-18 will be the first full year of our building TRF endowment: 2,025 by 2025. We are aiming high, to build an endowment of \$2,025,000,000 by the year 2025. A strong endowment will ensure the long-term financial stability of our Foundation and provide essential resources well into the future.

A key to achieving these and other goals during 2017-18 and beyond is our ability to increase the understanding of what Rotary is and what Rotary does. Simply said: It is time for us to do a better job of telling our story and sharing our proven impact — not only to Rotarians and prospective Rotarians, but to the world.

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...My fellow Rotary leaders, 2017-18 will be the first year of our Foundation's second century. What an amazing time for us to be leaders in Rotary. The finish line for polio is within sight. And when it is crossed, what is next? What will take us into the next 10, 25, 50, or 100 years?

The time to answer that question is at hand! A strong Rotary Foundation will encourage us to Think Big! In my view thinking anything less than big would be a waste of our potential.

You will reach your goals!

Your communities and the world are waiting!

What an incredible time to be a Rotarian!

What an incredible time to be called upon to be a leader in Rotary!

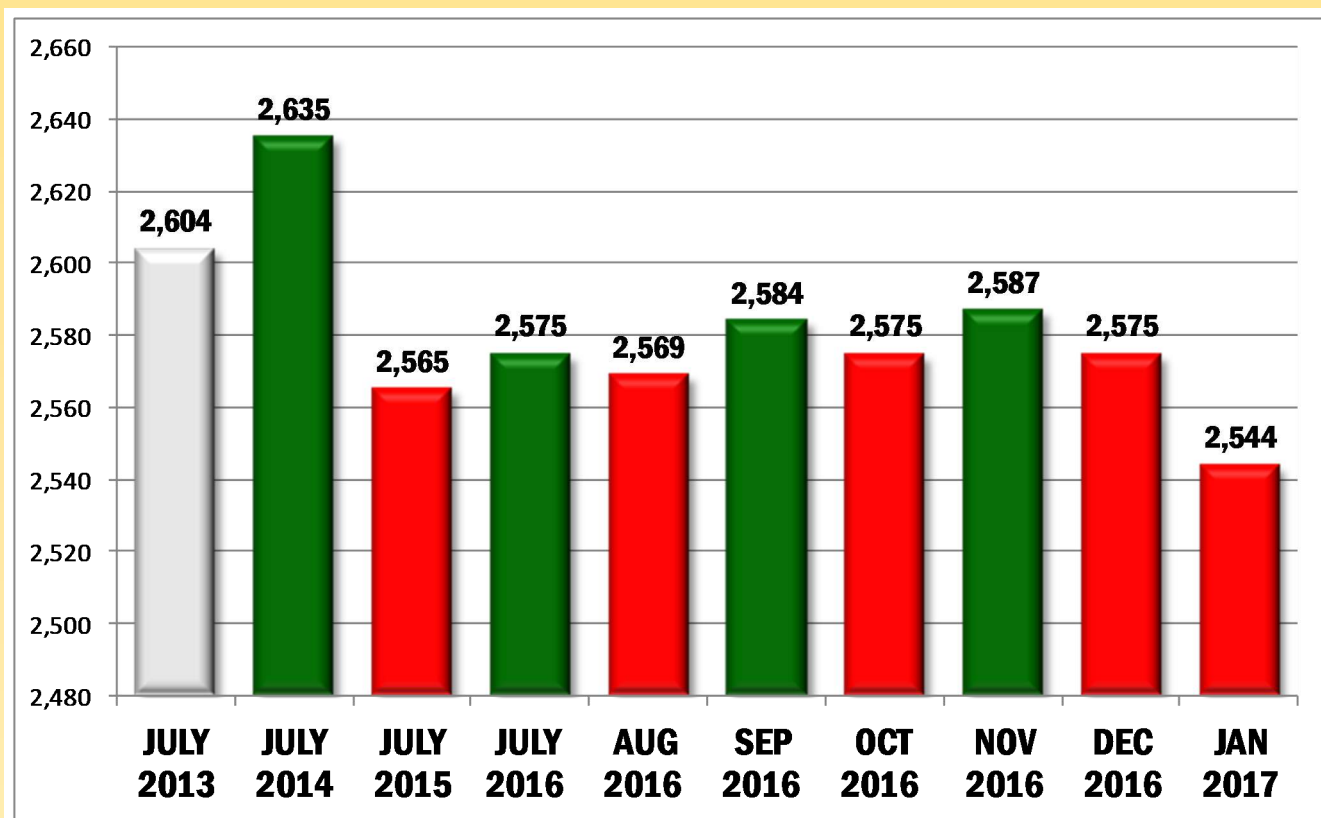
🔗 [**CLICK HERE TO READ THE FULL SPEECH**](#)

Also read

🔗 [**Your Partners for Change and Strategy \(RI General Secretary John Hewko\)**](#)

🔗 [**Strategic Planning and Empowerment \(RI Strategic Planning Committee Chair Stephanie Urchick\)**](#)

DISTRICT 5050 MEMBERSHIP AT A GLANCE



Top 10 Clubs for Attendance in January

Abbotsford-Sumas	95.24%
Mount Baker	83.80%
Skagit	82.96%
Whidbey Westside	82.52%
Chilliwack	81.00%
Aldergrove	78.00%
Smiamooo (White Rock)	77.50%
Marysville Sunrise	76.67%
Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	75.57%
Whatcom Country North	74.42%

**Congratulations are also
due to Rotaract Club of
Surrey-Newton for
achieving 90%
attendance**

District wide, 25 new members.

**The following Clubs added
new members in January**

Anacortes	Langley
Bellingham Bay	Langley Central
Burlington	Oak Harbor
Chilliwack	San Juan Islands
Chilliwack Fraser	South Everett/Mukilteo
Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	Stanwood/Camano Island
Coquitlam Sunrise	Whidbey Westside
Lake Stevens	White Rock
	White Rock-Peace Arch

**CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO
ROTARACT CLUB OF FRASER VALLEY
FOR ADDING A NEW MEMBER IN JANUARY**

Japanese Diplomat earns Rotary Alumni Award

By Sallyann Price

The recipient of this year's Rotary Alumni Global Service Award winner is Dr. Sadako Ogata, a former Ambassadorial Scholar and a past United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Born in Japan to a family of diplomats, Ogata was drawn to studying international relations after Japan's defeat in World War II. When she began graduate studies at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., USA, in 1951, she was part of the second class of Rotary Scholars from Japan.

"During that period, I also learned about the importance of community service and broadened my perspectives and experiences thanks to various exchanges with Rotarians," she says. "The Rotary motto of Service Above Self has left a deep impression and has guided me ever since."

After completing her doctorate at the University of California, Berkeley, Ogata returned to Japan to teach at International Christian University, which now hosts a Rotary Peace Center, and Sophia University, where she taught until accepting the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (head of UNHCR, the United Nations refugee agency) in 1991. She also represented Japan at the UN General Assembly, served at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, and chaired the UNICEF executive board.

During her decade-long tenure with UNHCR, Ogata helped refugees who fled the Gulf War, the ethnic conflicts in Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia, and Cold War-era strife in Afghanistan and former Soviet satellites. She has been credited with expanding UNHCR's budget and staff and strengthening its relations with the UN Security Council by emphasizing the link between refugees and international security.

"Protecting refugees is — by its nature — controversial," Ogata has said. "Carrying out this dynamic and action-oriented function requires us to challenge the sovereign preserve of states to deal with non-citizens and, in some instances, their own people."

Since leaving UNHCR in 2000, she has remained active in government and international affairs, serving as co-chair of the UN Human Security Commission and as a special representative of the Japanese government in Afghanistan. She led the Japanese International Cooperation Agency for two terms and advised then-Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

Her government work has shown her the power of private citizens and civic groups to effect change.

"We live in a rapidly changing world," Ogata says. "As the world is confronted with threats more complex than ever before, the role of civil society and the linkages among people has become more important than ever."

The award for Rotary Alumni Association of the Year went to the Alumni Association of Rotary District 1210 in England. These alumni regularly visit club meetings and district events, and they lead a project to provide children's books to homes across the district.



Rotary International has awarded Dr. Sadako Ogata, a former High Commissioner for Refugees with the UN's refugee agency, with the 2016-17 Rotary Alumni Global Service Award.

Dr. Sadako Ogata was part of the second class of Rotary Scholars from Japan, in 1951. "The Rotary motto of Service Above Self has left a deep impression and has guided me ever since." says Dr. Ogata.



2017-19 UNESCO-IHE scholarship applications now available

The Rotary Foundation and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education are offering up to 10 scholarships for graduate study at UNESCO-IHE's Delft campus in the Netherlands. The aim is to increase the number of trained professionals who can devise, plan, and implement water and sanitation solutions in developing areas. The scholarships also are designed to promote long-term relationships between Rotary members and skilled water and sanitation professionals.

Scholars will receive a Master of Science degree in urban water and sanitation, water management, or water science and engineering.

The application deadline is 15 June.

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Promoting world peace and global understanding

Learn more about Rotary Action Group for Peace and let's advance world peace together.

Peace Corps Volunteers changed my world view

By District Governor-elect Abbas Rajabi, District 5450 USA

Peace Corps sends U.S. volunteers, usually recent university graduates, to live and work abroad for two years. Their goal is to help host countries meet local needs and promote mutual cultural understanding. While abroad, volunteers learn the local language and work with professionals in education, health, community economic development, environment, youth in development, and agriculture.

My first encounter with Peace Corps was in high school in the mid-1960s. A number of Peace Corp Volunteers (PCVs) from the United States came to my hometown of Hamadan in Iran to serve as teachers at our local high schools. Their impact and their message of peace was profound. It was so inspiring seeing a number of young people working together to teach English, to serve selflessly and appreciate our culture throughout the city. More than that, seeing the cultural differences was eye opening to all of us young Iranians.....

.....Through a formalized service partnership, Rotary International and Peace Corps are working together to help enhance club and district service activities locally and around the world.

READ MORE ON ROTARY SERVICE CONNECTIONS

Embracing and celebrating our differences

By Azka Asif, Rotary Service and Engagement Staff

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteers who come from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and professions. We embrace and celebrate these differences as they are what makes the Rotary community so strong. By leveraging unique perspectives and tapping into their expertise, members address the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges, one of which is creating a more peaceful world.

The Rotary family is committed to contributing time, energy and passion to empower our local communities. Through service projects, peace fellowships, scholarships, and international exchanges, members are taking action to promote peace and international understanding.

Here are just a few examples of how Rotarians are advancing world peace:

In Philippines



The Rotary Club of Marikina hosted a peace forum to exchange ideas on how to progress towards a more peaceful world. Local Rotary clubs attended the half day forum collaborating on how to strive for global peace through Rotary's unique approach of peace through service.

In The United States



The Rotary Club of Branchburg Township hosted an interfaith dinner and diversity award program. The club recognized individuals, businesses and community organizations who embrace peace and embody the values of civility, global and community awareness. This collaborative program brought together community leaders and the Rotary family to promote peace, understanding and goodwill.

In India



The Rotary Club of Mussoorie organized a talk on meditation, discussing the basic concept and potential benefits it brings to those suffering from mental and physical stress caused by everyday life.

In Germany

The Rotary Clubs of Radolfzell-Hegau in Germany and Istanbul Sisli in Turkey partnered on an exchange for university-level music students. The clubs aimed to facilitate international and cross-

cultural understanding. The students studied the international language of music and discussed their respective countries and cultures during the exchange, helping bridge divides and forge new friendships

In Turkey



The Rotary Club of Bursa-Uludag wants to prevent 500 disadvantaged children in one of the most impoverished neighborhoods in Turkey from getting involved in crime by developing musical talents. The club hopes to provide instruments for each child and establish a music center. The center will be open to all children who want to learn music without any discrimination. Being a member of this music community will increase the child's sense of belonging, respect and self-confidence.

Peace is possible

By Past TRF Trustee Carolyn E. Jones, Chair of the Rotary Action Group for Peace

It seems there are a whole bunch of Rotary members who aren't content in merely being just members and want to make a greater impact. These members have decided to organize, specialize and focus their efforts on one specific area like water and sanitation, microcredit, or health. By the time they come up with a name, it is so long that they simply call themselves Rotary Action Groups (RAGs). One day, I went online and stumbled across the Rotary Action Group for Peace's website and knew I wanted to join right away.....

There are so many avenues to peace-building – many that I had not even considered.

Peace *is* possible!

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Water and Sanitation



Goals for Water and Sanitation

- Increasing equitable community access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation
- Strengthening the ability of communities to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems
- Educating communities about safe water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Supporting studies related to water and sanitation

The Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus reflect the service interests and activities of Rotary clubs worldwide.

See how your club or district can get involved.

The challenge

- ◆ Worldwide, 2.6 billion people — 72% in Southern Asia — lack access to improved sanitation facilities, and 884 million — 37% in sub-Saharan Africa — do not use improved sources of drinking water. (WHO/UNICEF)
- ◆ Women generally are the ones burdened with the task of collecting water, which can take up to 26% of their time. (WaterAid)
- ◆ In sub-Saharan Africa, 18% of the population relies on an improved drinking water source that is more than 30 minutes away. (UNICEF & WHO)
- ◆ This year, 2.2 million children will die from diarrhea and related diseases, and 80% of them will die within the first two years of life. (Rehydration Project)

What you can do

- ◆ Install rainwater harvesting systems at schools, clinics, and community health centers
- ◆ Provide training to community leaders on management and maintenance of water sources
- ◆ Sponsor a scholar studying water and environmental management
- ◆ Implement a sanitation project in a rural village to construct latrines and provide hygiene education to residents

Learn more

- ◆ IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre www.irc.nl
- ◆ Rural Water Supply Network www.rwsn.ch
USAID Hygiene Improvement Project www.hip.watsan.net
- ◆ Water Supply & Sanitation Collaborative Council www.wsscc.org
- ◆ WHO Water Sanitation and Health www.who.int/water_sanitation_health





Water and Sanitation



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Hand washing project for water and sanitation from Rotary Club Up Town Iligan of district 870 Philippines

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Empower others with your expertise

As part of Rotary's guiding principles and the Avenues of Service, Vocational Service calls on Rotary members to empower others by using their unique skills and expertise to address community needs and help others discover new vocational opportunities and interests.



Students learn to sew at the Betania trade school in Chinandega, Nicaragua.



Women hand-stitch shoes at Soul of Africa's shoe factory in Durban, South Africa



Women work on projects during a tailoring class in Africa.



Vocational Training Centre program in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.

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about vocational service and gain inspiration
for club and district service projects.

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Double Your Membership In Six Months:

10 Lessons from a Rotary Club Pilot

How can membership and volunteer-based organizations such as service clubs grow?



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Series: *Rotarian Economist Short Books*
By [Quentin Wodon](#)

This short book aims to answer this question by documenting the experience of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill in Washington, DC (USA). Over a period of six months in the second half of 2016, the club succeeded in doubling its membership.

The experience of the club suggests that it is a good idea for membership and volunteer-based organizations to:

- (1) **Plan strategically;**
- (2) **Reduce meetings and increase their service work;**
- (3) **Improve service opportunities;**
- (4) **Reduce membership costs;**
- (5) **Partner with local nonprofits;**
- (6) **Invest in their public image;**
- (7) **Tap their members' networks;**
- (8) **Apply for funding;**
- (9) **Set targets and monitor progress;**

and finally ,

- (10) **Ensure leadership and enjoy their luck!**

None of this is rocket science. Whether these simple lessons can work in practice depends on the dedication of an organization's leadership and members. But hopefully, these simple lessons will be of interest to members of other Rotary and service clubs, as well as other membership-based organizations that rely on volunteers to improve lives in their communities.

The book is published as part of the Rotarian Economist Short Books series. The series provides rapid and practical introductions to topics related among others to volunteer work, service clubs, nonprofits, and the areas of focus of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

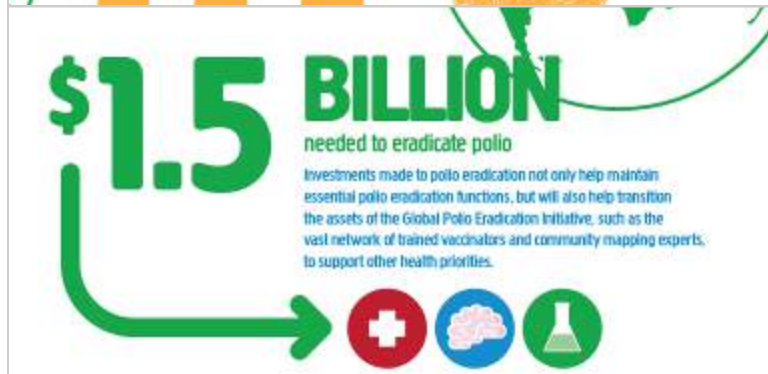
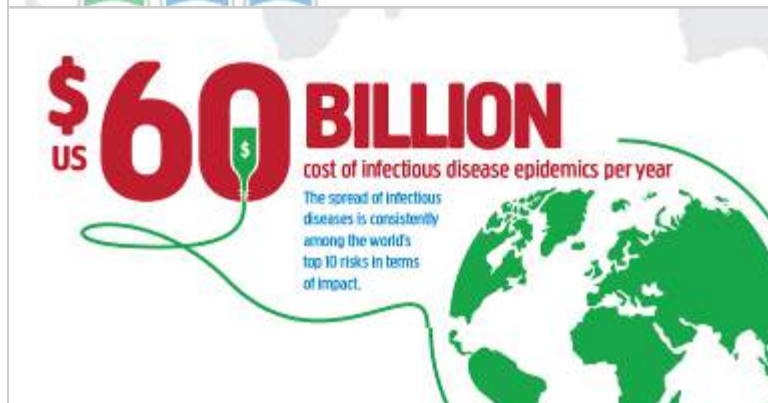
The book series is associated with the Rotarian Economist blog.

6 key numbers in the fight to end polio

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Conversely, if we allow polio to spread again, it would cost upwards of \$35 billion more in treatment expenses and economic losses. SO IT'S A NO-BRAINER that we have to commit all our resources to finish the job once and for all.

Source: <http://polioeradication.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/EconomicCase.pdf>





Rotary hires Chief Investment Officer

EVANSTON, ILL.

(Feb. 3, 2017)

Rotary taps non-profit investment expert Eric Jones to manage and grow the humanitarian organization's \$1 billion in assets.

As CIO, Jones will provide leadership, vision and oversight for the management and strategic asset investment growth for The Rotary Foundation – Rotary's charitable arm that grants more than \$200 million annually to eradicate polio and fund projects and scholarships in communities worldwide.

"Eric brings valuable experience and a strong track record as an institutional investor," said John Hewko, general secretary of Rotary. "He will play a vital role in securing the Foundation's long-term, sustainable growth - enabling our members to achieve a polio-free world, train future peacemakers, support clean water and sanitation, and strengthen local economies well into the future."

After managing investments for Loyola University of Chicago for 16 years and serving as CIO since 2008, Jones is returning to Rotary where he began his career in the mid-1990s. "I am thrilled to be coming back to Rotary in this position," said Jones. "I enjoy and I find it rewarding to work for a mission-driven organization. As the CIO for Rotary, I am committed to providing a high level of stewardship over its invested assets and to helping the organization continue to grow."

Jones is an alumnus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he graduated with a major in political science and earned his MBA. He lives in Chicago with his family. Korn Ferry International was engaged in the CIO search.



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WATER AND SANITATION

SANITATION AND HYGIENE

2.5 billion people

lack access to improved sanitation.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

1. Avoid prescribing a solution for a community. Instead, work with the community to determine what is most appropriate.
2. Remember sanitation and hygiene. Very few people die from thirst; millions die from preventable sanitation diseases.

TAKE ACTION

Improve sanitation facilities by providing toilets and latrines that flush into a sewer or safe enclosure.

1,400 children

die each day from diseases caused by lack of sanitation and unsafe water.



TAKE ACTION

Promote good hygiene habits through education. Proper hand washing with soap and water can reduce diarrhea cases by up to 35 percent.

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Build wells to extract groundwater from underground aquifers.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

1. Work with the community to establish a water committee and a fee system to allow for ongoing operation and maintenance of the water system.
2. Before digging or drilling a new well, plan carefully to ensure that the water will be safe and the well is environmentally sustainable.
3. Utilize government-approved technology and equipment so that spare parts and repair work will be readily available.

TAKE ACTION

Implement rainwater harvesting systems to collect and store rainwater for drinking or recharging underground aquifers.

6 hours

per day is what women in some rural parts of Africa spend collecting water from a remote source.

TAKE ACTION

Promote low-cost solutions, such as chlorine tablets or plastic bottles that can be exposed to sunlight, to improve water quality.

TAKE ACTION

Provide home water treatment capability through the use of filters, solar disinfection, or flocculants, to make drinking water safe.

748 million people

don't have clean drinking water.





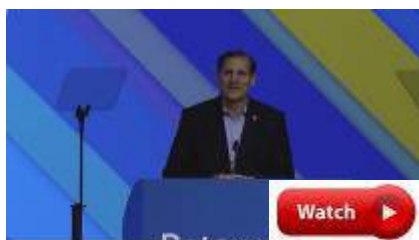
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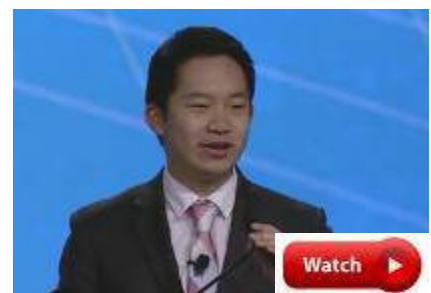
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Managing Change, Mitty Chang, Rotary E-Club of Silicon Valley



Women in the second chance literacy program.

Empowering women in India through education

By Manish Shroff, past president of the Rotary Club of Ankleshwar, India

Our Rotary club is surrounded by rural and tribal villages in the Bharuch District of Gujarat State, India. The literacy rate in these villages is low and dropout rates of students in primary schools are high, most particularly among girls. We wanted to do something about that.

We conducted a survey with the help of PRATHAM, an NGO working in the rural literacy field across India, to gauge the condition of education in several of these villages. The study found that many girls leave school after the primary level mainly because of the lack of secondary education nearby. Students have to travel further, and for various socio-economic reasons, this makes it more likely that girls will drop out after the primary level and not go on to grades 7 or 8.

Education is the only way for women to secure a better future for themselves and for their daughters. Although urbanization is increasing education among women in urban areas, rural women still suffer from a lack of mobility and access to education. It is noteworthy that the performance of girls on state exams equals or exceeds that of boys on average.

Through the survey, we were able to identify girls and young women in rural

areas who had not completed their secondary schooling. Our project supported an education center in Ankleshwar that serves as a central hub, and centers in six other villages where young women attend classes conducted by teachers who have received specialized training. We provide free educational material to the students, pay for exam fees, and offset some of the travel costs for the students.

We partnered with the Rotary Club of Ilminster, United Kingdom, Jhagadia Industries Association, and ONGC Ankleshwar Asset on a Rotary Foundation global grant. We went door to door in 55 villages and convinced 130 young women to complete their secondary schooling. We organized meetings with parents to convince them to send the girls to the center in or near their villages. We work with the students continuously to keep them motivated. And we will be supporting some students after the secondary exam to pursue even higher education, such as nursing.

In June, the first 112 girls appeared for their written and practical exams at our examination center approved by the NIOS board. In December, another 100 girls passed the exam. These women are now in a better position to provide for their families and raise the quality of life in their communities. I can think of no better way to enhance Rotary's public image and highlight the good that our Foundation continues to do throughout the world.



News around the world



Rotaract program prepares students for college

The Rotaract Club of Birmingham is helping high school students succeed in college through ACT prep courses, financial aid applications and mock interviews.



Rotaract of Birmingham's mentor coordinator, Syndi Willis, from left, and mentees Amber Watts, Elizabeth Duke, and Nailah Shearer.

"Our core business is developing leaders in our community, and I think this allows us to develop the next generation of leaders that are going to come behind us and ensure that our community continues to thrive," Willis says.

By Rotaractor Deblina Chakraborty

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News around the world



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Getting creative with science in rural Taiwan

By Pauline Leung, a member of the Rotary Club of Taipei Pei An, Taiwan, and past governor of District 3520

Students show off their construction skills by making kites out of newspapers during classes supported by the science education program.

On a rainy day in Spring four years ago, I was talking to a few young teachers about the education system in Taiwan. The country was on the verge of extending free education to children through the age of 12, which I thought was a good policy to reduce illiteracy.

However, the teachers had concerns about the impact of the policy on schools in remote areas of Taiwan that have less resources and thereby have a harder time staying competitive. They explained to me that the children in these schools don't get the extra curriculum trainings necessary to have opportunities to attend college or university...

...In three years, we used Rotary Foundation funds to reach 20 schools. This year, we are entering into our fourth year and reaching more schools. Thanks to District 3600 and 3700 who used their DDF to become our international partner these past three years, we have been able to carry on a great service program, and believe we will be able to help more remote schools and children into the future.

We are convinced that our contributions to The Rotary Foundation are certainly doing good in the world and serving future generation.



This is the statue in front of Rotary International headquarters - that we are blocking in the group photo - of a Rotarian delivering polio vaccine drops. We're six weeks into the new year and so far only one case reported (in Pakistan) - will this be the year that we see the last case of polio? Over 30 years since Rotary made its promise to the children of the world and we're down from 350,000 a year to a single case.



The great team of Rotary leaders for Canada and north-eastern US as we assemble at Rotary headquarters in Evanston, Illinois for training. The best part of meeting at the Rotary One building is the incredibly talented staff that work here!

Rotarian builds his own iron lung replica to teach a new generation about polio

Dispatched to Ghana with a fellow British Rotarian to scout club service opportunities, Roger Frank hadn't planned their visit to coincide with National Immunization Days, but the pair – Frank and Dr. Carl Hallam – jumped, unhesitating, into the thick of inoculations. During a four-day stretch in October 2015, nearly 2,000 children in the area were protected from poliomyelitis. The effort galvanized Frank, who brainstormed for a way to do even more at home: How could he promote polio eradication when few of his countrymen gave much thought to the scourge?

Recalling the fear that gripped the UK, the U.S., and elsewhere during the height of the polio epidemic in the early 1950s, Frank, a past president of the [Rotary Club of Upper Eden](#), thought of the iron lung, a device largely relegated to museums and history books. The lifesaving mechanical respirator was a potent, if depressing, symbol of the debilitating disease. An iron lung, Frank reasoned, would educate younger generations who grew up free of the fear created by polio, a virus that is spread easily, during the 20th century.

He hoped to borrow a model to put on tour to serve as a reminder that the polio fight remains unfinished. "I spent the last three months of 2015 looking for an iron lung in hospitals, etc.," says Frank, 65. "I had hoped to source an original unit, but they have all been scrapped and those that remain are in museums, and they would not part with them. Being fully committed to the project, I had no other option than to build an iron lung myself.

"This proved quite a challenge," even for a retired mechanical engineer and self-described "nut and bolt man," particularly after he resolved that only a fully functioning machine would do. "I learned many years ago that the dafter the project, the easier it is to get good publicity for the cause," he quips.



Roger Frank wants to inspire people to donate to polio eradication. [READ MORE....](#)

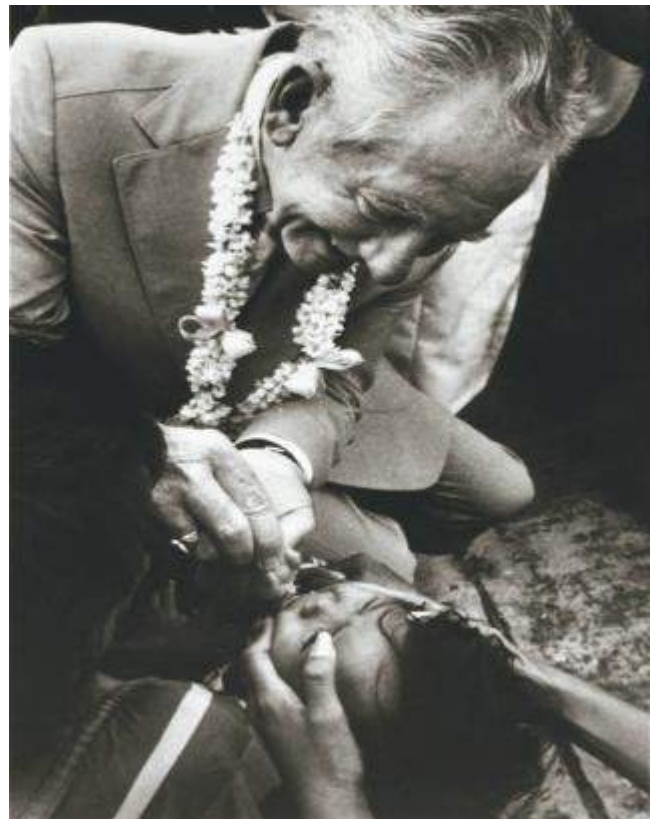


Leslie McConnell and Andrea Lingren view a pediatric iron lung used for patients with polo. This unit was on display at the Rotary Foundation's 100th anniversary celebrations at The Reach Gallery Museum, Abbotsford.

On hand were members from the Abbotsford, Sumas-Matsqui and Abbotsford-Sumas Rotary Clubs, as well as the Mission Rotary Club, the Mission Mid-day Rotary Club, and the Fraser Valley Rotaract Club.

They celebrated Rotary's rich history of "Doing Good in the World" – from the battle against the polio virus to establishing Rotary Peace Centres.

LOOKING BACK



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 we are on the verge of eradicating Polio from the face of this earth.

What Polio used to look like.



A child paralyzed by polio in 1947.



A young patient getting fit with a respirator in 1955. Photo by Three Lions/Getty Images.



This over-3,300-year-old Egyptian stele is thought to depict a polio victim. Image via [Deutsches Grünes Kreuz/Wikimedia Commons](#).



A portable respirator from 1955.



An iron lung in 1938.



**Thanks to
Rotary all these
will soon be
history!**

Bringing about reconciliation

By Nadia Mahmood, Rotary Peace Fellow, University of Queensland, Australia

Over the past two and a half months, I have been working with Prison Fellowship Solomon Islands (PF), a grassroots peace-building organization which runs conflict resolution, restorative justice, and reconciliation programs and provides support for families of inmates.

It is honestly hard to put into words how inspiring and engaging it is to work with this team of local volunteers who exemplify everything that Rotary stands for. During my time here, I have had the opportunity to travel to different provinces to be part of restorative justice training in the prisons and help inmates write letters of apology to their victims.

The Prison Fellowship team delivers the letters to the victims' families and mediates and counsels them to see if they are open to engaging in reconciliation. As part of this, I have been able to support the team in mediating reconciliations between individuals, communities, as well as between groups of former combatants and between ex-combatants and their own communities.

We organized a Christmas program at three locations that allowed incarcerated parents to reconnect with their families and give gifts to their children. We have also expanded our programs for a growing number of incarcerated youth and women in prison. I assisted the team in developing and delivering programs and support services to the wives of inmates. One highly successful pilot recently trained the wives in simple income generating techniques such as making snacks and jewelry items to sell at the market, and will now be rolled out on a larger scale.

During a visit to the Rotary Club of Honiara, I shared with them my experiences and explained the Rotary Peace Fellowship program. We are now working together to develop a promotion and recruitment strategy to increase the number of applications to



A community reconciliation event in the Solomon Islands.



Rotary Peace Fellow Nadia Mahmood (front center) during her applied field experience.

both the certificate and masters programs from the Solomon Islands.

I will leave my field study having definitely received much more than I have given. The people I have met poured out their warmth, hospitality, and patience upon my in teaching me the language, culture, customs, and grassroots peace-building methodologies. I return to Brisbane on 14 February to complete my final semester, with the hopes of finding a way to return to the Solomon Islands after that.

I have also found time to have plenty of fun at the beach and have spent time in my friends' villages in Savo Island and Lau Lagoon in Malaita.

I am thankful to all the Rotarians, especially my sponsoring Rotary Club of Charleswood, Winnipeg, Canada, and host Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium, Australia, for making this happen. I am also thankful for the amazing team of staff and professors at the University of Queensland for the excellent foundation and support they have provided me in preparing me for this experience. My entire Peace Fellow class has also blessed me with their friendship, support, and teamwork, and I look forward to reconnecting with them on my return.

Miles to End Polio Exceeds Fundraising Goal

In November 2016, the Miles to End Polio team, which included staffers from Rotary International, including General Secretary John Hewko, joined Rotarians from District 5500 and around the world, to bike up to 104 miles in the El Tour de Tucson bike race in Arizona, USA. Their hard work raised more than \$3.7 million -- 11 percent more than their initial fundraising goal. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation tripled that donation, making the total raised for polio eradication efforts \$11.3 million.

[See pictures from the 2016 Ride to End Polio.](#)

[Check out the new endpolio.org website](http://endpolio.org)



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Lashibi, Tema Ghana

CLASSROOM BLOCK FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS



MORE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS ON ROTARY SHOWCASE



Rotarians are celebrating The Rotary Foundation centennial with this impressive float in the Taiwan Lantern Festival. How are you celebrating?

How inclusive is your club?



By Kate McKenzie, Rotary E-Club of Western Australia

Recently, I came across the concept of “conscious inclusion” when reading [an article](#) about how a bank consulted with an NGO for people with vision impairment when designing their new credit/debit cards. I started thinking about whether Rotary clubs are practicing conscious inclusion.

Unconscious bias means that we are often not aware of the needs of others. We may be willing to adjust if someone asks, but we may not be proactive about thinking ahead, asking for advice and then communicating with people that we have considered their needs.

People used to raise children in their 20s so by the time they were in their 30s they were starting to have time to do other things. Now parents often welcome their first born when they are in their 30s and juggling career with everything else. Volunteering with Rotary could be easier if children could be a part of it. Does your venue have highchairs and maybe a small box of toys/books? Does your website mention that children are welcome? Do you plan some activities in family-friendly places like parks?

When I became a mother, I was suddenly a lot more aware of street design, building entrances and corridor width. Pushing a pram around made me aware of the challenges that people using a wheelchair must face. Has your club conducted an accessibility audit of the venue(s) where you meet? Do you consider accessibility when planning social events? Perhaps you could engage a guest speaker to help learn what you need to consider? You may find that persons with disability are more likely to join your club if your website gives them key information relevant to their needs.

In my previous Rotary club, one of our members had impaired hearing.



The Rotary E-Club of Western Australia

He was taught to lip read from a young age, so didn't use sign language. It was important, however, that we allowed him to sit where he could easily see the guest speaker and that we made an effort to face him directly during conversation. Through asking him what he needed, we learned how to make his Rotary experience more fulfilling.

Finally, many Rotary clubs come together in the act of sharing food. It's important, however that we consider medical, ethical and religious dietary needs, so that food doesn't divide us. Does your venue serve vegetarian or vegan options? Can kosher, halal options be made available? Do you collect information about dietary requirements in advance? If a member or visitor is fasting, can they attend without feeling obligated to pay for a meal? Is the kitchen capable of serving food that is safe for people with allergies or other medical needs?

A little forethought can go a long way to making our clubs more welcoming of diversity in our communities.

Diversity makes us stronger.



Jenn McKenzie President Elect of Takapuna Rotary Club in Auckland, NZ D9910 has a few tips of attracting younger members into Rotary and working with younger members once they're in.

Jenn is as a long time Rotarian, she's 29 years old and has been in Rotaract/Rotary for 10 years.

Jenn thinks a few things could be done about club membership and stresses the point that young members need to work with older members and vice versa TOGETHER.

Young Member Recruitment Tips

Stop just writing "cheques" to organisations or people with little to no action on the part of the Rotary club, younger members have more limited time so want to make a difference through hands-on projects, they might not be able to be there every meeting but they want to be involved making a tangible difference.

Let's embrace younger members with a young perspective and young attitude, try something different and be open to new ideas (that goes both ways!)

Mix it up, change your membership structure and cost of your meetings (Takapuna have an under 35yrs cost and most of our meetings only cost \$10)

Try social media advertising its low cost and high impact!

Remember why you joined Rotary and remind each other - to serve others!! Make this world a better place.

Embrace technology - offer eftpos or paypal to members and let them pay online. We all live in a cashless society now!

Don't always get "sad" stories as guest speakers younger members want to hear inspiration and motivation - work with other clubs for more joint meetings or use TED talks

Be enthusiastic and passionate about your membership and your club and Rotary - the passion will translate!

Offer new and younger members opportunities to serve on boards and as directors.

Wear your Rotary badge with pride and ASK like-minded people to join!

What do you think of Jenn's thoughts?

Do you have something to add?



The members spent a Fun Canadian weekend with Sol, our exchange student from Peru. Tea Pot, Manning Park snowshoeing and watching the Vancouver Stealth in Langley.

ROTARY CLUB OF EDMONTON WHYTE AVENUE



February 1, 2017: Two of our members, Kristin Jennings and Paige Reeves participated in the United Nations Active Citizens Social Enterprise (ACSE) leadership programme. The United Nations Association in Canada and the British Council Canada collaborated to develop a toolkit to promote community-led social development. Kristin and Paige spent the weekend building relationships and networking with community leaders while developing ideas to address social needs within marginalised communities. They both had many opportunities to share their Rotary experiences and share how Rotary works internationally everyday to improve the lives of vulnerable people.

Rotary Youth Exchange gave me hope for peace

By Kate Roff, a former Rotary Youth Exchange student



Being lost in the middle of the bustling, hazy, city of Bangkok, Thailand, is not ideal for a 17-year-old Australian girl. But, it was a moment that changed my life.

I was on Rotary Youth Exchange and despite excellent instructions from my caring host-family; I had no idea how the intricate bus system worked, and hadn't mastered the language yet to ask. After boarding the wrong bus for the third time, a young student calmly stood up, took me by the arm and walked me miles down the road to the right stop. She spoke little English, but waited patiently until my bus arrived and told the driver my destination. It must have added a full hour to her day, and she wanted nothing in return – just to help a stranger.

I was shocked.

I had never encountered such kindness. That was one of many moments I was humbled by the generosity of the [Thai people](#) during my exchange year, and something that I hold up as proof of genuine compassion in the world.

Today, I am the founding editor of [Peace News](#) – a new media platform that provides alternative news stories from conflict zones. While mainstream war reporting focuses on violence, explosions, and hatred, we focus on telling stories of peace-builders. Wars need to



A bustling, hazy, street scene in Bangkok, Thailand.

Photo by Joe Powers

be covered, but we aim to provide balance to the reporting – in every conflict zone there are people taking risks for peace, and we want to show that side as well.

In my line of work I see, and hear about, horrific violence, and it's often difficult to keep faith in humanity. I believe it's a growing fear for many people today, and sensationalist media representations of how 'bad the world is becoming' don't help. We often need reminding that there are still great people out there, that there are inspiring examples of tolerance and empathy still going on.

My year as an exchange student

showed me that there is good reason to have hope, and provided me with a platform to direct my career. Through the endless examples of kindness from a host country, and also exposure to many cultures through other exchange students, I saw enormous capacity for a global community. Rotary taught me to appreciate and respect diversity – a hot topic today with global immigration debates.

I have no idea who that student was who stopped to direct a confused foreigner all those years ago, but her act reminds me daily of what one moment of empathy can do. She taught me to have a little trust in the world we are so often trying furiously to change – and to always travel with a bus map.



Peace News provides alternative news stories from conflict zones.

VERENA HEIDECKER

A Youth exchange student from Austria visited the Rotary Club of Chilliwack in December and spoke to the members about her home country.



AVIANNAS CLEMPSON

A Youth Exchange Student from Bolivia Celebrated her 29th Birthday with the members of Rotary Club of Chilliwack on January 2nd.





The Rotaract Club of Mengo in Uganda district 9211 organised youth conferences to motivate young people.



Rotaract member from Nepal is attending the Harvard National Model United Nations 2017 and Resolution Social Venture Challenge. She is a member of the Rac Kathmandu Metropolis. Her trip was sponsored by the Rotaract club of RVCC and RC Branchburg.

Conflict Resolution

Help Needed to Aid Two Million Refugees

By Lauren Cardinal, Rotaract Club of Queens University, District 6330

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), also known as the UN Refugee Agency, is the world's leading organization aiding and protecting people forced to flee their homes due to violence, conflict and persecution. To achieve this objective, UNHCR works in 126 countries to provide on-the-ground assistance in emergency and refugee situations.

Forced displacement, mostly from war and conflict, has risen sharply in the past decade; much of it is a result of the crisis in Syria, but also from a proliferation of new emergencies and the escalation of unresolved old ones. We are currently facing the worst displacement crisis since World War II.

Millions of the most vulnerable people are failing to survive in desperate living conditions that leave them exposed to both physical and emotional risks, with no chance or hope for a stable future.

In 2016, UNHCR launched the Nobody Left Outside Campaign with the goal of providing shelter to two million refugees by 2018. We believe that shelter should be a nonnegotiable human right. Shelter provides protection, safety, privacy, comfort, safeguards health and is the basis for recovery and survival. Once people have a home, they can begin to rebuild their lives.



UNHCR is best equipped to manage this shelter crisis and provide the necessary aid to refugees, but we need your help. You — and your Rotary club or District — can help us reach our goal of sheltering two million refugees by donating today.

- \$525 will provide a family with a durable tent.
- \$800 will provide a refugee family with a brick house, equipped with sleeping mats, blankets, a cooking set and water cans.
- \$1,500 will allow a family to live rent-free for nine months in a building renovated with new walls, doors, windows and weather-proofing.
- \$2,550 will help renovate an abandoned building to create safe, private spaces with shared toilet and cooking facilities.

By advocating for the rights of those forcibly

displaced, providing critical assistance and working with communities, governments and non-governmental organizations, UNHCR accomplishes Rotary's mission of achieving local and global impact.

About the Author



Lauren Cardinal was a Rotary Youth Exchange student from District 6330 to Slovakia in 2008-09. She joined the Rotaract club at Queen's University, participating in volunteer trips to El Salvador in 2012 and 2013.

Lauren recently completed her Master of Public Administration at Queen's School of Policy Studies and an internship with UNHCR Canada in Private Sector Partnerships.

She is pursuing a career in foreign policy and security to help promote peace and ease the plight of those who are impacted by conflict.



By Joel Dzuba, Rotary Exchange Student from Ontario, Canada, to Lower Saxony, Germany

It would be impossible to pick a favourite memory from my exchange in Germany due to the sheer number of opportunities I had and dreams I lived. From sailing in the Baltic Sea, to walking in the North Sea, to swimming in the Mediterranean, there are simply too many experiences to pick a favourite.

Birthday on a beach

One of the many stories that I do love to share, however, was when I was celebrating my 18th birthday during our year-end European Tour. All the exchange students had gathered on the beach at night to watch the stars in the little town of Portofino, Italy, and eventually I found myself sitting back to back on a rock with a Brazilian student, a Russian student, and a Taiwanese student. In all of my life, no other moment has ever made me feel so paradoxical as that night.

On the one hand, I felt so incredibly small when I realized where I was sitting and with whom I was sitting; as I was just a boy from Ontario who suddenly found himself halfway across the world, with people who would maybe only have a one in a billion chance of meeting together in any other circumstance. And yet, on the other hand I had never felt so large in comparison to the vastness of the world, and the borders as I had pictured them. The world suddenly felt like it had shrunk, and that there was nowhere that was out of my reach anymore.

Larger than life

If I had to try to make a metaphor that could explain the experience, I would say that it gave me a feeling of being "Larger than Life" while still humbling me with the realization of the sheer amount of opportunity that had been given to me by the kindness of others; as without everyone back home in the Rotary club supporting me, I could have only dreamed of being where I was that night.

Out of all my life experiences, I would say that my exchange year played a fundamental role in forming and shaping the person I am today. It has shaped my world view; given me the courage to break out of my shell; and has given me the experience of living in an interconnected and continually shrinking world.

It has also inspired me to seek an international career, as I am currently studying in International Affairs and Policy due to the inspiration I received from my exchange year to continue living an international lifestyle.

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Rotary, Rise Against Hunger feed millions



By Anne Stein

Since it started packaging meals for hungry kids and others worldwide, the nonprofit **Rise Against Hunger** (formerly known as Stop Hunger Now) has packaged more than 300 million meals distributed in more than 40 countries. Volunteer efforts by Rotarians have played a huge part in the Raleigh, N.C., group's success.

"That first full year [2006] we had a goal of packaging 1 million meals and ended up with 1.7 million," explains the group's CEO, Rod Brooks, a member of the Rotary Club of Cary, N.C. "In 2015, we packaged 60 million meals in 20 U.S. cities, and we've established meal packaging headquarters in six other nations."

Each bagged meal contains rice, soy, and vegetables, fortified with 23 vitamins and minerals. One and a half liters of boiling water is needed for preparation, and the pack serves six people.

Though Rise Against Hunger partners with many groups, Rotarians really got things rolling for the organization in 2006, when then-District (7710) Governor Tim Mannix committed to packaging a million meals in a Rotary year. Rotarians in his district ended up assembling 1.4 million meals. Since then, U.S. Rotarians have packaged more than 25 million

"Akshayapatra" for the poor

We were heartened to see few construction workers take food from the refrigerator and feed their children, and we still cherish the memory of the look on a child's face after being fed with a mouthful of *roti* and *paneer butter masala*," says Vimla Pinto, the President of RC Bangalore Brigades, D 3190. She and her team has installed a 'Rotary Fridge' outside Hotel Elite Royale at HSR Layout in Bengaluru which was inaugurated by DG H R Ananth and Ms Earth 2010 Nicole Faria.

The club has tied up with restaurants in the city, installing mini-refrigerators outside the building, in its endeavour to feed the hungry with leftover food prepared by restaurants. "The food chain should not end prematurely at the incinerator or the bin, rather it should complete its role of providing nutrition to people. Anyone can walk up to the fridge and pick up food — no payment, no questions asked," says Vimla.

The first fridge was installed outside a Lebanese restaurant Byblos at Indira Nagar last October, and four more have been added in various other areas with 40 more to be installed in the next three months. Excess food is packed in boxes and kept in the fridge, sometimes with fresh fruits too. During festival -seasons, the restaurants also stock it with sweets for which the Rotarians also lend a hand.

meals.

Rise Against Hunger works with so many Rotarians around the world that past District Governor Chris Jones is on staff full time to coordinate volunteer efforts with clubs. A page on the group's website is devoted to the Rotary partnership.

Rise Against Hunger is expanding its work globally in the area of sustainable development (hence the name change). These programs welcome Rotary participation and include efforts such as providing grants and technical expertise to Guatemala farmers who now raise tilapia. "Their success increased available protein in the local school feeding program, the farmers increased their income, plus we worked with local experts to design the farms to utilize natural springs," says Brooks. One of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals is to end hunger by 2030. "I believe we can do that given the trajectory we're on," he adds, "but we have to keep it as a priority and be engaged, and that's what we do through Rise Against Hunger."

Learn more about Rise Against Hunger on their [website](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org/rotary-rise-hunger/).

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STOP HUNGER NOW! WHAT IS STOPPING YOU?



The restaurants have assured to stock up fresh food, while the club will take care of the fridge's maintenance and repairs. Other clubs and few corporates have also shown interest in this endeavour.

The Rotarians are also toying with the concept of a Rotary Shelf where groceries, snacks, jams etc donated by people may be stored and will be given to the needy. Few residential complexes have welcomed the idea, says Vimla.

Akshaya Patra is a Sanskrit word meaning inexhaustible vessel, is an object from Hindu theology.

What is "Next" for the "Trio"

Warren Buffett's Best Investment

By Bill and Melinda Gates
February 14, 2017

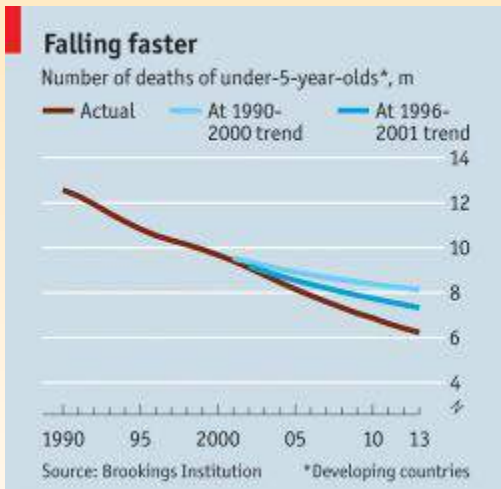
Our 2017 annual letter is addressed to our dear friend Warren Buffett, who in 2006 donated the bulk of his fortune to our foundation to fight disease and reduce inequity. A few months ago, Warren asked us to reflect on what impact his gift has had on the world.

SEE THE IMPACT

Bill & Melinda's Favourite Number



The number of children's lives saved since 1990.



The number of childhood deaths per year has been cut in half since 1990. The children in Africa were dying because they were poor. To us, it was the most unjust thing in the world.

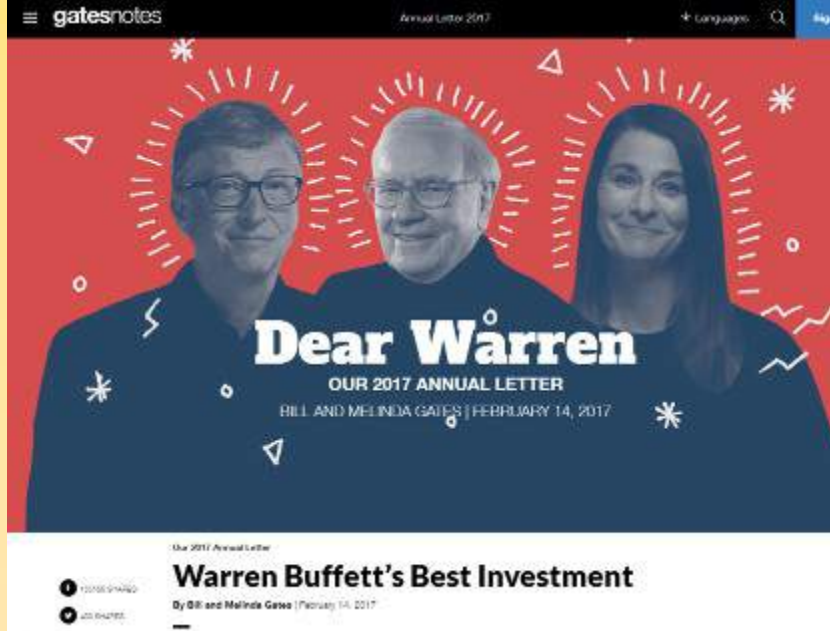
The best deal is vaccines



High Income countries	96%
Globally	86%
Low Income countries	80%

Melinda: They're an incredible investment. The pentavalent vaccine, which protects against five deadly infections in a single shot, now costs under a dollar.

Bill: And for every dollar spent on childhood immunizations, you get \$44 in economic benefits.



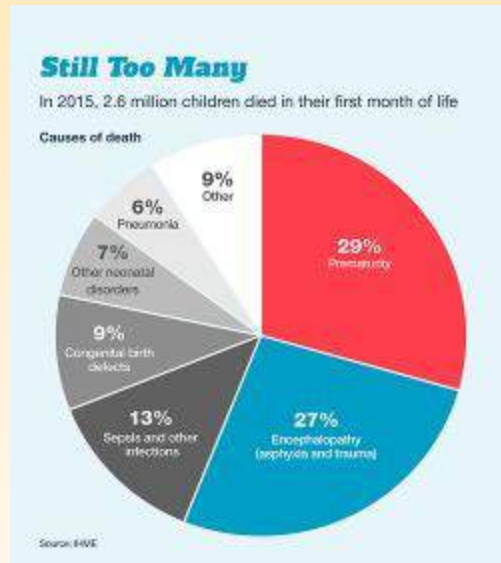
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Reducing new born mortality



One million infants died on the day they were born.



Rwanda cut its newborn mortality rate by 30 percent by encouraging mothers to breastfeed in the first hour and exclusively for the first six months.

Ending Malnutrition



Malnutrition is partly responsible for forty-five percent of childhood deaths.

Power of Family Planning



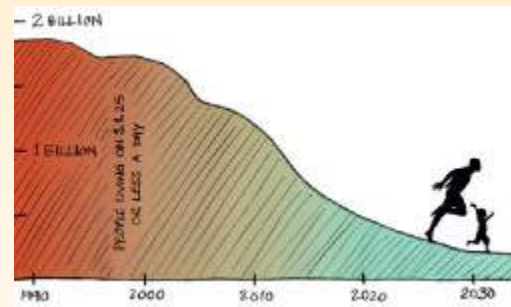
More than 300 million women in developing countries are using modern methods of contraception.

Poverty is Sexist



75 million women in India are in self-help groups.

Towards the End of Poverty



The Magic Number



Bill: We want to end our letter with the most magical number we know. It's zero. This is the number we're striving toward every day at the foundation. Zero malaria. Zero TB. Zero HIV. Zero malnutrition. Zero preventable deaths. Zero difference between the health of a poor kid and every other kid.

Melinda: Moving toward zero is perhaps the biggest difference between our philanthropy and a business. In the private sector, the goal is to stay in business. In our case, nothing would make us happier than going out of business because we've achieved our goals.



CITY OF BURNABY
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
DEREK R. CORRIGAN
MAYOR

GREETINGS

CANADIAN EYESIGHT GLOBAL – FREE EYE HEALTH CLINIC at Sri Guru Nanak Sikh Temple, 7050 – 120th Street, Surrey, BC on February 26, 2017

It is a tremendous honour for me to be able to deliver a message to all of you today.

As the Honourary Director of the Board of Canadian Eyesight Global, I cannot think of an opportunity more rewarding than to be able to contribute to a non-profit organization that restore eyesight, prevent blindness and improves the visual ability of person living in rural parts of India and the developing world who need the help, regardless of nationality, race, color, creed or religion.

Today, let me take this opportunity to thank Canadian Eyesight Global, its President Anup Singh Jubbal, all of the supporting Rotary Clubs, Rotary International and the dedicated volunteers, doctors and countless other supporters who make the work of Canadian Eyesight Global possible. Canadian Eyesight Global formerly Project Eyesight-India, has successfully sponsored and completed unlimited free cataract (IOL) surgeries and has treated people for avoidable blindness in various parts of rural India, since 1989 and also organizing Free Eye Health Clinics in British Columbia since 2004.

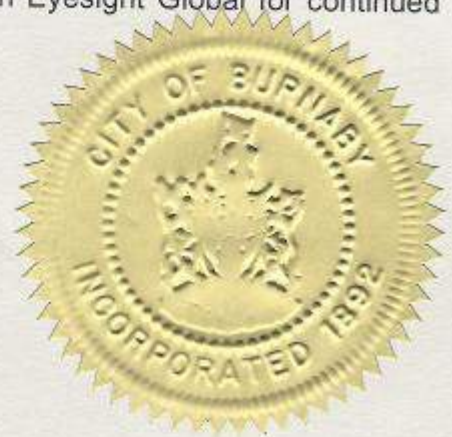
Again, thank you for the opportunity to be able to offer my sincere congratulations and thanks to the President and management committee of the Sri Guru Nanak Sikh Temple, Surrey, for their full cooperation and support for organizing this Free Eye Health Clinic.

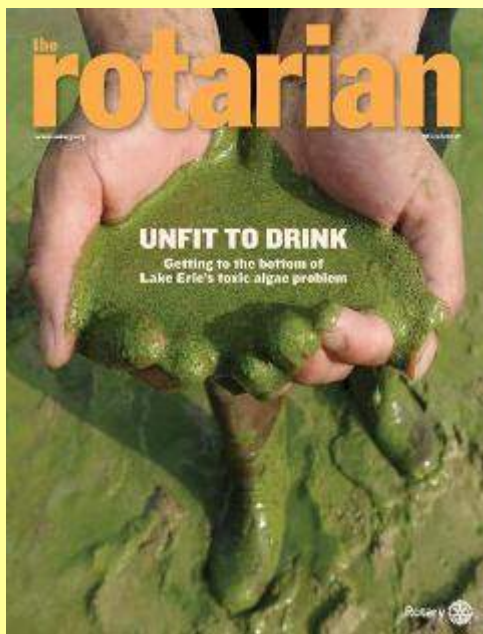
I would like to thank the dedicated members of the Rotary Club of Surrey-Guildford, BC, Canada; Rotary Club of Burnaby team doctors (Dr. David R.S Neima, MD,FRCS (C), Ophthal, Dr. Warren Whitford, Dr. Charan Toor, OD, Dr.Harpinder Gill, OD, Dr.Parmjit Sohal, MD) and the dedicated members and volunteers of the Canadian Eyesight Global for organizing this noble Free Eye Health Clinic.

Best wishes to all the members and volunteers of the Canadian Eyesight Global for continued success.

Sincerely,

Derek Corrigan
Mayor, City of Burnaby
Honourary Director, Canadian Eyesight Global





MARCH 2017 I

Featuring

Watershed moment

Toxic Algae threatens western Lake Erie, the source of Drinking water for millions. Rotarians from across the region are joining the fight.

By Diana Scholberg

Serious fun

Talk with RI President-elect Ian H. S. Riseley about attracting new members, building strong clubs, and forming friendships that last.

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What one artist learned from birds

Art and text by Tony Fitzpatrick

Behind the binoculars with the International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians

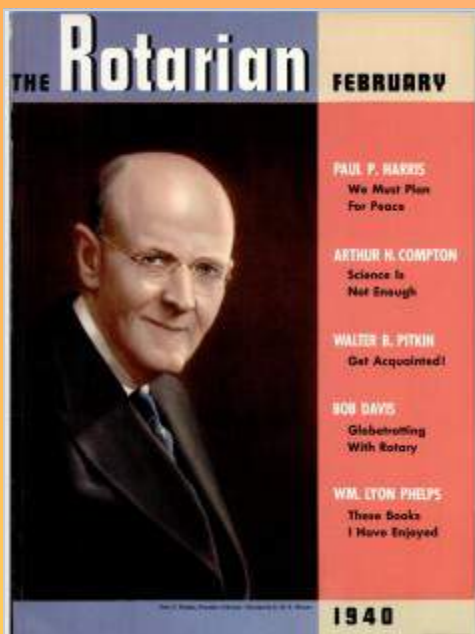
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Paul Harris on Peace

“But, we ask, must the best genius of men be devoted to the science of war and none to the science of averting it?”

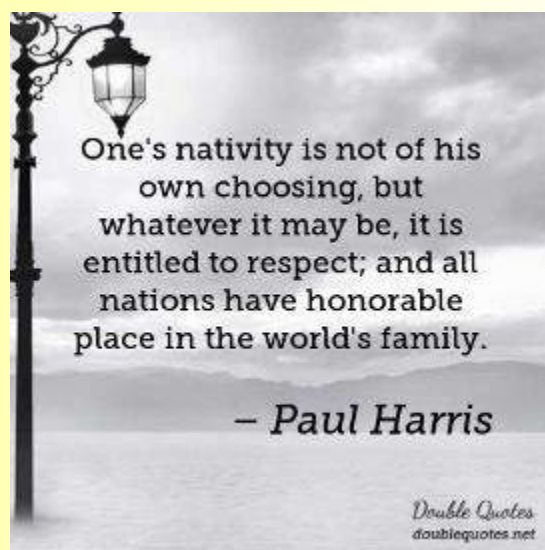
Paul Harris, 1940

The second world war weighed on the mind of Rotary's founder as he wrote a message to members in *The Rotarian* in February 1940, on the occasion of Rotary's 35th anniversary.

He wrote: “On men of goodwill falls the responsibility to foster the spirit of ...

‘Malice to none, with charity for all’

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Rotary bringing the world to Atlanta in June



Bill Gates to keynote convention

ATLANTA, GA. (Feb. 14, 2017) Rotary's 108th annual international convention June 10–14 is expected to attract 40,000 Rotary club members from over 160 countries, and will inject an estimated \$52.3 million into Atlanta's economy.

Registrants will engage in workshops and hear from a lineup of world-class speakers, including Bill Gates, co-chair, of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Gates Foundation and Rotary International have an ongoing match of 2:1 to support polio eradication efforts up to \$35 million a year. Today in Bill and Melinda Gates' Annual Letter they reaffirmed the important role Rotary has played in polio eradication.

“Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have been working together on polio eradication for a long time, and our strong partnership will continue through the final years of the effort,” said Rotary International President John Germ.

“With the most effective resources in place, it's possible that we will soon see the last case of polio in history. At the convention, Bill will say more about how we can — and will — end polio.”



COMING EVENTS

4 MARCH, 2017

ROTARY (LEARNING) LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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

11 MARCH 2017

PR BOOT CAMP #3

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8.30 am to 2.30 pm
Silver Reef Casino Hotel
4876 Haxton Way, Ferndale, WA
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18 MARCH 2017

8 AM to 1 PM
University of Fraser Valley
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At Seattle Marriott Waterfront Hotel.



Further details and
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Activities have been added on
Thursday evening and Friday
morning.

REGISTRATION RATES
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\$350 (from 1 March 2017)



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

SATURDAY JUNE 10 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017



Meet us in Atlanta, Georgia

This will be a Convention not to be missed as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation and, we hope, the long anticipated final case of polio! We expect many local Rotarians to join us - the cost for a North American Convention is very affordable, and we've got lots to celebrate. So, join fellow Rotarians from District 5050 and around the world.

REGISTRATION IS EASY -

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

Bill Gates also will be joining us in Atlanta

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



For more information and to register,
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10 - 14 JUNE, 2017

@ RI Convention 2017 Atlanta, Georgia



Rotary
DISTRICT 5050

UPCOMING EVENTS

27 APR **LANGLEY**
2017 SASSY Awards
Chief Seapass Theatre
9096 Trattle Street,
Ft. Langley

SASSY AWARDS™
Service Above Self Surrey Youth

12 MAY **SEMAIHM00 (WHITE ROCK)**
7th annual SASSY Awards

SASSY AWARDS™
Service Above Self Surrey Youth

2 MAR **COQUITLAM**
Inaugural Sports Gala Dinner

Hard Rock Casino Vancouver
2080 United Boulevard
Coquitlam, BC



29 APR **ALDERGROVE**
Lobsterfest

Kinsmen Centre
26770 29 Ave,
Aldergrove,
Details to follow



13 MAY **PORT COQUITLAM**
Centennial Rotary May Day Parade

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




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

6:00 PM Dinner & 7:00 PM Dance
Bradner Hall,
5305 Bradner Road, Abbotsford
TICKET \$50 (Includes Dinner and Dance)

29 APR **SOUTH EVERETT-MUKILTEO**
21st Annual Auction!
A night of giving.
A world of difference.
Saturday, April 29, 2017
at the Tulalip Resort and Casino!

10 JUNE **PORT MOODY**
Shred-A-Thon

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



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SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2017



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19th ANNUAL ROTARY WINEFEST

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
ValleyFair Mall
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TICKETS \$45 EACH
Wine and Craft Beer Tasting



11 MAY **PORT MOODY**
SEARCH FOR THE PERFECT PINT

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