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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.

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 beyond club meetings, in a manner
 complementary to shared efforts at
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Message from District Governor Scott Dudley

As we approach May, we are looking forward to our District Conference and having the opportunity to talk about not only blood donation, as we will be donating blood at our District Conference, but organ and tissue donation as well.

This year Rotary at the International Convention in Atlanta will have a breakout session, just like they did last year in Seoul, South Korea, on the subject of organ and tissue donation because the need is so great.

To put it in perspective, twenty-two people die every day in the US waiting for an organ. And they're amongst the 118,039 people already on the waiting list. The sad thing is every ten minutes someone gets added to that waiting list. They say that we can save up to eight lives by being an organ donor.

Join us at this year's District Conference as we will touch on organ and tissue donation, which should be right up our alley as we believe "Service above Self".

While we are alive, we have the opportunity to donate whole blood and blood platelets, as well as being bone marrow donors.

Please consider how you might be able to help and talk to your loved ones about your wishes.

Thank you for all that you do because in Rotary we see a need and immediately look for ways to fix it.

See you soon at this year's District Conference.



Save Lives - Give Life!

The 2016 District Conference Project will be a Blood Drive on
Saturday, May 6.

**9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
& 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

A mobile unit will be set up at
**the Seattle Marriott
Waterfront Hotel
Seaport Room**

Register a time to donate
by visiting

www.bloodworksNW.org/drives

and entering

sponsor code 057

or call 800-398-7888

Message from JOHN F. GERM

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

See y'all in Atlanta

As you read these lines, final -preparations are well underway for our 108th Rotary -International Convention, June 10-14 in Atlanta. We're looking forward to one of the biggest and best Rotary conventions yet, as we celebrate not only a wonderful year of Rotary Serving Humanity, but a full century of Doing Good in the World through The Rotary Foundation.

If you haven't already made plans to attend, it's not too late to register at riconvention.org. There is simply no better way to round off another great year in Rotary than by -coming together with 40,000 or so of your fellow Rotarians to share ideas, find inspiration, and have a great time together.

We're excited to have Bill Gates, a friend and partner in our work to eradicate polio, speaking at our convention this year. And it's worth -arriving early to attend a special Presidential Peace Conference, scheduled for June 9-10 and featuring Bernice A King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr and Coretta Scott King.

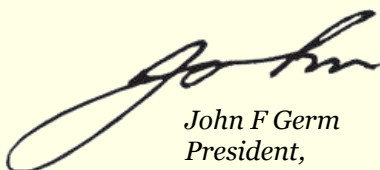
I'm proud to host a convention that is -practically in my own backyard. Atlanta is a vibrant, modern State capital just a -two-hour drive from my home city of Chattanooga, Tennessee and it's a great place to experience the famous hospitality of the American South. Our Host Organisation Committee has a great week planned, starting with

the "Blue Jeans and -Bluegrass" kickoff event on Saturday night.

Come on over to Centennial Olympic Park, right across from the House of -Friendship, and get into a dancing mood with Grammy Award winner Ricky Skaggs and his Kentucky -Thunder band. Meet up with friends old and new at the Centennial Celebration Block Party or on the Peace Tour of Atlanta. Roll up your sleeves for the Habitat Home Build, or tie up your laces to take part in the 3K Walk/Run to End Polio Now. And before you say goodbye, come back to the House of Friendship for one more party: our Foundation's 100th birthday party, with (of course!) cake and ice cream.

It's going to be an incredible experience, and Judy and I are looking forward to celebrating with you or, as we say in the South, with y'all!

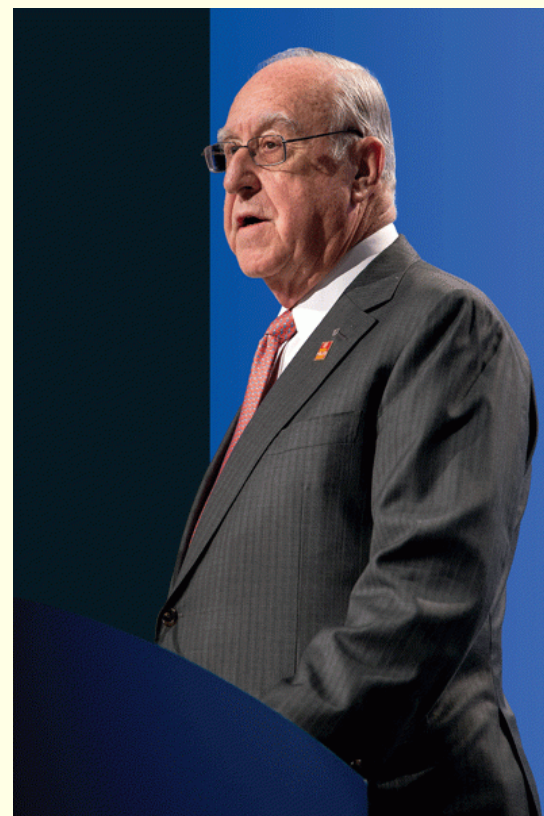
See you in Atlanta!



John F Germ
President,
Rotary International



ROTARY
SERVING
HUMANITY



Paul Harris on kindness

"We humans are creatures of habit, and it is just as easy to acquire the habit of speaking kindly as it is to acquire the habit of speaking unkindly"

— Paul Harris, 1935

When he spoke at the 1935 Rotary Convention in Mexico City, Paul Harris had only recently returned from a journey though Asia and the Pacific. He reflected on the opportunities for friendship he encountered on his trip and reminded members of their duty to act as ambassadors of goodwill. [Read the full speech.](#)

YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

"We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future." - PRIP James L. Lacy 1998-99



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YOUTH SERVICE MONTH



Rotary Avenues of Service

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

- **CLUB SERVICE** focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
- **VOCATIONAL SERVICE** calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. Learn more in [An Introduction to Vocational Service](#) and the [Code of Conduct](#).
- **COMMUNITY SERVICE** encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest. Learn more in [Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects](#) and this [Community Service presentation \(PPT\)](#).
- **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE** exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.
- **YOUTH SERVICE** recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as [Rotaract](#), [Interact](#), [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#), and [Rotary Youth Exchange](#).



Empowering Young Leaders

Rotary clubs can help develop leaders in your community and club by getting involved in Rotary programs and activities. Empower young people through Interact and Rotaract. Encourage community involvement by sponsoring a Rotary Community Corps. Or share your expertise in a Rotarian Action Group.

Action Plan for Rotary Clubs

- [Sponsor a Rotaract club](#)
- [Sponsor an Interact club](#)
- [Organize a RYLA event](#)
- [Create a scholarship](#)
- [Start an exchange](#)
- [Support Peace Centers](#)
- [Organize a Rotary Community Corps](#)
- [Form a Rotary Fellowship](#)
- [Join a Rotarian Action Group](#)

Rotaract
Rotary Club Partner



Interact
Rotary Sponsored Club



Rotary | **RYLA**



Rotary
Youth Exchange



Benefit Concert 2016: West Coast Story



SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES



RHYTHMIC UNISON



MELODIOUS HARMONY

PERFORMANCE AT THE PEAK!

The Dos and Don'ts for a DG

The gold standard of great leadership in Rotary was simple; "to be the kind of leader about whom every Rotarian in your district says, 'If I am ever a district governor, I'd want to be a one just like him/her,'" said TRF Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee, while addressing the incoming District Governors at the all-in-one training event Disha organised by RIDE C Basker in Mumbai.

"Your year as DG will leave an indelible and inalterable mark upon each of you. So it is worth killing yourself for doing this job, because this office gives you the power to do good."

K R RAVINDRAN
Past President
Rotary International

"The unique aspect of being a leader in Rotary is that you lead equals, or even your betters."

KALYAN BANERJEE,
Trustee Chair
The Rotary Foundation

"Build a pedestal not for your own statue but so large that your whole district can stand there with you."

RAJENDRA K SABOO
Past President
Rotary International

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"ROTARY NEWS ONLINE"



The Commonwealth Women's Mentorship Scheme (CMP) aims to encourage an intergenerational partnership for sustainable development with young women as the primary beneficiaries. The call for a mentorship programme emerged from the concern that the world continues to lag behind when it comes to closing the gender gap. The scheme aims to encourage young women around the Commonwealth to aim for leadership positions, and to endow them with confidence in the workplace and self-entrepreneurship.

Rotary International Directors Dean Rhors and Barry Rassin have given Rotary International endorsement to this joint program. The Commonwealth Secretariat, Commonwealth Youth Council (CYC), and Commonwealth Youth Gender Equity Network (CYGEN) are partnering in this joint intergenerational mentorship programme. Rotary will pilot the program in Rotary Districts in the Caribbean and Canada.

Dean says, "The rights of women for equal opportunity and the ability for them to realise their full potential is very important to Canadians. Rotarians in Canada are delighted to have been asked to be part of this programme and look forward to helping with this important Commonwealth initiative where the mentoring of young women will help them be full contributing citizens of the world." Barry states, "To be able to expand the potential to empower women through a mentoring program can be very beneficial and Rotarians are proud and excited to be a part of the program."

Young women across the Commonwealth are set to benefit from this program and acquire critical life skills to progress in their careers. The Commonwealth Women's Mentorship Scheme will match aspiring young women with Rotarians who share similar interests. At the scheme's March launch in London, the Commonwealth Young Person of the Year, Krystle Reid from Sri Lanka, spoke about the importance of having someone to help young women network, achieve personal and professional development, and rise above discrimination.

Do you see yourself as someone who can help young women build their confidence so they no longer shy away from leadership opportunities, so they put themselves forward for employment opportunities, set up a business or get into political leadership?

Apply to be a mentor!

**The commitment is from July – December 2017.
Contact Lindagene Coyle for an application at
lindacoyle5050@gmail.com.**

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



April 1st was not certainly the April Fool's Day for the RI District 5050 Rotarians. It was a day of targeted learning in preparation for new Rotary Year starting on 1st July. Like anything that one does well, it was all about planning and execution.

The day started with networking with a cup of coffee and continental breakfast - renewing old friendships, exploring new avenues and connecting with new faces - all what Rotary truly is.

It was an opportunity for the President Elects and their representatives to meet with the District Governor Elect Lindagene to hear about her vision for the district and how we all can be part of realising that dream. Like any dream, to turn it into reality Rotary needs funds; so it was about the budget, it was about the DG installation and the next years District Conference.

Highlights of the Assembly

- **Membership Focus**
 - +2 Members for each club
 - +2% Retention of Club Membership
 - Area Membership Rep to work with AGs
 - Club Representation on District Committee
 - Rotaract Representation on Membership Committee
 - Membership Seminar in Each Area
- **Communication Plan**
 - New Protocol and guidelines for e-mail communication
 - New Editor/Publisher sought for Peace Arch Journal
 - Re-imaging and Re-engineering of Rotary Brand
- **District Governor Installation A Family Event**
 - July 9, 2017 4:00 - 7:00 pm at Camp Alexander, 2916 McBride Ave, Surrey, BC.

District 5050 Conference 2018

Conference on the Cruise

From Thursday May 10
to Saturday May 12, 2018

Bring along your family

Return home for Mother's Day

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

More details to follow

- **Youth Protection Policy**
 - New policy and guidelines in dealing with the New Generation
- **Conflict within a Club**
 - Most Popular - not because we have conflicts, but because we don't want conflict - **Conflict YIKES!**
- **Rotary World Help**
 - A wonderful presentation on Rotary Serving Humanity - touching millions of lives around the world.

If you missed it, there is always another one next year.

EACH YEAR IT GETS BETTER AND BETTER!



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SEMAIHM00/WHITE ROCK



On March 29, president Dee Makepeace was very proud to give this year's donation cheque to the White Rock South Surrey Hospice Society.

The SASSY Awards stand for 'Service Above Self Surrey Youth' Awards and it is Rotary's way to celebrate and honour the fantastic youth in our community. We award seven \$1,000.00 bursaries along

with seven \$500.00 donations the recipients present to registered Canadian charities of their choice at the SASSY Awards Show which takes place this year on the evening of Friday May 12th at the Surrey Arts Centre.

We had 63 nominees this year and they will be celebrated on May 12th at the Surrey Arts Centre on 88th Avenue in Surrey.

The Awards evening also features exceptional local youth performers, Panorama Ridge Jazz Ensemble, performers from Circus Lab, singer, songwriter and pianist extraordinaire Ben Dunnill, and singing sensation Maya Rae.

ABBOTSFORD

Swinging into Spring... Serving Youth, Seniors, and Community!

Rotary Club of Abbotsford is happy to serve the seniors of our community by presenting the Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation with \$4200 for the purchase of fall mats for the Cottage - Worthington Pavilion.



These mats reduce the danger of incurring serious injuries from falls of seniors in their rooms. Club President and now Stunt-lady Sara Lawson, tested out the mat by falling without pain or injury noting that "the mat really absorbed my fall without pain!" Sara added, "Our Rotary Club is so very happy to be able to add value to the lives of the residents here by providing funding for the mats."



A fall with injury is often the beginning of health complications for someone in advanced age. As many of us know preventing an injury in the first place is one of the best ways to ensure a better quality of life for the elderly.

\$10,000 was presented to Dave Murray and Brad Quiring of the Abbotsford Food Bank by Rotary Club of Abbotsford President, Sara Lawson for the Starfish Pack Program delivered through Abbotsford public schools. "Providing funding for the Starfish Pack Program is something our club members were involved with from the very beginning and remain passionate about! We are thrilled to be able to help the Abbotsford Food Bank feed the children of our community who are in need."



With spring on our doorsteps, the Rotary Club of Abbotsford is planning to be out at the Discovery Trail on Saturday, April 8 to kick off Community Clean-Up Week in Abbotsford. Community members are welcome to join us and help with our spring Discovery Trail clean-up followed by good conversation and refreshments! Meet us at 10 am near the Chief Dan George School entrance on Gladwin Road this Saturday. All are welcome to join us, as together we do our part to help beautify our community!



SOUTH WHIDBEY ISLAND Rotary Exchange Student, Twelve Years Later

Rachel Cook, a Rotary Exchange Student sponsored by our club in 2005, gave a great presentation on life after her year in Rome. She has had quite the life, all of which she attributes to Rotary.

In Loving Memory



Nick Stebbing

October 16, 1952 - March 29, 2017

It is with profound sadness that we announce that Nick Stebbing passed away last Wednesday evening with his family at his side.

Nick was a member of Rotary club of Port Coquitlam centennial for a year and for a number of years with the Rotary Club of Port Moody.

His infectious laugh and desire to always do the right thing and help others whenever and wherever he could, will be missed by our Rotary family.

Nick was a Rotarian, a Christian, a Scouter, an instant friend to anyone he met and a loving husband and father.

A Memorial Celebration of Life was held at Eagle Ridge United Church at 2813 Glen Drive in Coquitlam at 2.00 pm on Saturday April 8, 2017.

Rotarians, family members and his church members attended the event and contributed by way donation in his name to Eagle Ridge United Church, Coastal Sound Music Academy and other worthy charity at the request of the family in lieu of flowers.

From the FaceBook ...



Sean Hogan
Past District Governor District 5050

I had the privilege and the pleasure of emceeing Million Dollar Dinners in Wenatchee, WA and Kelowna, BC - raising funds for children, families and communities. The Rotarians of District 5060 were challenged to raise \$1 million and blew the doors off by meeting and beating to raise over \$1.5 million USD (more than \$2.1 million CAD)! The monies go to The Rotary Foundation - one of the top 10 charities in the world. And I got to wear my tux! Thank you to keynote speakers, Rotary Global PolioPlus Chair, Michael McGovern and Past Rotary International President, Wilf Wilkinson.



Wilfrid J. Wilkinson
Past Rotary International President
2007-08
Rotary Club of Trenton, Ontario, Canada
Theme: Rotary Shares



Chris Offer
Past District Governor District 5040
Endowment/Major Gifts Advisor Zone 24 West

Part two of the Rotary District 5060 Million Dollar Dinner was held tonight in Kelowna, BC. A fabulous celebration of the district's success. Congratulations to the team that made this happen, a total of US\$1,571,684.03 raised for The Rotary Foundation. The night was topped off by an inspirational speech by Past RI President Wilf Wilkinson. It was an honour to have been part of the dinner and to have worked with the team that made it possible.



Mike McGovern
Past RI Vice President and Rotary Global
PolioPlus Chair

Mike gave inspirational presentation in Wenatchee, Washington last night at part 1 of the District 5060 Million Dollar Dinner. Mike spoke about the challenges to complete the eradication of polio globally. He is chair of the Rotary International PolioPlus Committee. His personal experiences in the field and the dangers faced by polio health works moved the audience. The audience included members of the family of Past RI President Ed Cadman.



**(Late)
Edward F.
Cadman**
Rotary
International
President
1985-86
Rotary Club of
Wenatchee,
Washington, USA
Theme:
YOU ARE
THE KEY

PEACE ARCH ROTARY CLUB

Philippines Clean Water Project

Two years ago, our Club had a presentation from dentist Dr. Ken Stones, requesting funds for his Dental Clinic on the remote Philippine Island of Siquijor. During his talk he mentioned the urgent need for clean water at several schools on the Island. Since our Rotary Club had not done an International project, we decided to give it a try, so last year we applied to the Rotary District Foundation for a grant of around \$6,000 which was approved and which our Club had to match.

Siquijor Island is a tiny island, approximately an hour's drive around the whole Island coast (which is the only major paved road). It is an hour's flight from Manila plus another hour's "scary" jet-boat ferry ride. A tourist tropical paradise, it has silver sands, palm trees and several tourist resorts along the coast. However, inland from the coast, the hamlets and schools are far less wealthy and very short of water.

This February, club member Glyn Jenkins travelled to Siquijor Island for 2½ weeks. The Lagucan Elementary School was one of the two schools we had selected, but was a 40kms drive along gravel roads from where Glyn was staying. Our agents, the local Rotary Club, were instrumental in the construction and procurement for the project, and we are very grateful for their assistance.

Glyn witnessed a lot of the initial construction, including the well drilling at the School, the pipe trench digging, septic tank construction, holding tank and toilet foundations plus many other features.

The second grade children at the school were a delight, and insisted on helping during their school breaks. Although they had very little, they were so happy and so very pleased to see us.



Glyn drilling hole for piping at Logucan Elementary School



Water tank support at Siquijor Children's Dental Clinic



Glyn at meeting of Siquijor Island Rotary



Children helping to dig location for septic tank at Logucan Elementary School

Children helping Dave from Siquijor Island Rotary Club cutting rebar.

SURREY EARTH DAY MULTI CLUB MEETING

Monday March 20th we hosted a multi-club Social meeting at the Knight & Day.

WhiteRock -Semiahmoo and Central City joined us to Socialize and finalize plans for our Earth Day Project set for April 22nd.

A great success we had 37 in attendance. 7 members of Central City,12 members of White Rock-Semiahmoo,6 from our Club

12 Guests including ADG Lynn Spence,DG Elect Lindagene Coyle, Past ADG Pat Bond and Lesley England from Serpentine Hatchery.

John Koropatnisky footed the bill for the food. (Many thanks John) Ray Pacquet provided the dessert (Yummy Cup cakes)

Ray Pacquet from WhiteRock Semiahmoo will co-ordinate the program and advises all is under control program and Duty list to be sent out shortly.



Bryce McElroy Presented a check for \$2,000.00 to Lesley England (Serpentine Hatchery) from Gaming funds to assist with upgrades at the hatchery.



Lindagene Coyle (DG Elect) Inducted 3 new members into Rotary. 2 for Central City and one for White Rock-Semiahmoo.

SURREY-GUILDFORD Working with Rotary World Help

The Rotary Club of Surrey Guildford worked with Rotary World Help to send equipment to Belize. Members of our club helped load the container to send it on its way.

LANGLEY CENTRAL & NORTH VANCOUVER LIONS GATE

Yet another container was loaded for Odessa, Ukraine and is being sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of North Vancouver Lions Gate and Langley Central.



All being captured into video by a young Rotaractor from Langley



This young Rotaractor from Langley could not wait to jump onto the forklift to help with the loading



After a couple of hours of hard work, the contained is ready for shipment. The crew pose for a photo of a job well done!

Experienced members keep an eye on you for your own safety (and others)!

WHITE ROCK-PEACE ARCH Donation to White Rock South Surrey Hospice Society.



NORTH WHIDBEY ISLAND SUNRISE 25th CHALLENGE SERIES 2017

The Rotary Club of North Whidbey Island Sunrise is hosting the 25th Annual Challenge Series Race on Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 10 am to noon on SE Barrington Drive.

This Soapbox Derby type race is in support of the physically and mentally challenged youth in our community. The event allows participants to experience the fun and thrills of a Soapbox Derby race.

The race cars are 7' long and 29" wide and each car holds 2 children. The driver is an appropriately trained 10-13 year old volunteer; the co-driver is a special needs child. A snack stand with coffee and food items is available onsite for participants, their families and the roaring crowd during the races.

At the race two youth climb into the seat of a customized Soapbox Derby car which has been thoroughly checked out in an extensive safety check program prior to the race. With the slam of the starting gate, the car's wheels begin to turn and they are off for ride to delight everyone. The cars, propelled by gravity, race down a blocked-off street. The OHHS Cheering Squad urge them on while the crowd goes wild! They safely come to a stop with the onboard brakes applied by the volunteer child. What an exhilarating thrill for drivers and passengers! Now, let's go again!

You can help volunteer or attend the event to cheer them on! Everyone wins at the end of the day! Contact Challenge Series Coordinator atislandgirl.jan@gmail.com to volunteer! We need course monitors, strong bodies to help with moving the cars, kid wranglers, and lots of audience to cheer on the racers, other positions available, just ask!

EVERETT

Rotary Honors Three as Students of the Month

The Rotary Club of Everett on April 18th honored Everett High School student Jacob Robert, Cascade High School student Jacob Browne, and Sequoia High School student Robert Snider as Rotary Students of the Month.

Each month the club recognizes outstanding area high school students for their accomplishments and their promise.

Jacob Robert has been active in the Everett High Interact Club. He plans to study chemical engineering at the University of Montana, and ultimately become a pharmacist, like his parents. Jacob Browne's goal is to become an attorney. He plans to attend a community college, then a four-year institution, followed by law school. Robert Snider has been taking six classes per semester at Sequoia, including honors and advanced placement courses. He plans to attend Everett Community College and major in aerospace, then move on to the University of Washington.



Pictured (L-R) Jacob Robert, (EHS), Jacob Browne (CHS) and Robert Snider (SHS)

In May 2016 the Rotary Club of Everett provided \$180,300 in scholarships to students from the Everett area. In September the club kicked off its Centennial Year celebrations by committing \$100,000 in grants and other support for college-bound students in the Everett School District's AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program. Club members represent a broad spectrum of business, governmental, charitable and public service occupations and support many service projects in the Everett community and around the world.

The Challenge Day Race is an annual event. It would not be possible without the vision of long time Issaquah resident Leo Finnegan. Leo, the father of an adult son with a disability, brought the idea of continuing this type of race which Puget Power originally offered. This is our 25th year of presenting this opportunity to our fair city and we have only just begun!

Check out these articles regarding Leo:

<http://www.issaquah360.com/leo-Finnegan/>

<https://the-constituent.com/honoring-leo-finnegan-by-representative-david-g-reichert/speech/50177>

If you have questions or concerns please contact me at powelljan@hotmail.com or cell 360-672-0059 or contact Don at 360-914-7697
Janis Powell, Challenge Series Coordinator

From

facebook

Posts

From Chris Offer's Facebook

Canada Day at Arch Klumph Society

Wednesday April 12, 2017

The induction into The Rotary Foundation Arch Klumph society is a solemn and serious event. The new Canadian AKS members and their guests met tonight to prepare for their induction. The dinner was subdued and solemn as the photos show.



Seeking Support from Government of Canada

Tuesday April 18, 2017

Great meeting today with Hon. Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities, MP for Delta. PDG John Anderson and I met with the minister to update her on the progress of the polio eradication campaign, thank her for the Government of Canada's ongoing support and ask for future financial support to see polio totally eradicated. The minister thanked Rotary and will share our request with her fellow cabinet members.

From Sean-Carol's Facebook



A Treat after the helicopter ride

Wednesday April 19, 2017

No better way to celebrate surviving a helicopter tour of Maui than some Mango Margarita's with lunch at the Hailiimaile General Store restaurant, followed by a tour of MauiWine where the tasting room is in the historic King's Cottage (who knew there was pineapple wine?).

The clear substance on top of the glass is melted ice., not Gin or Vodka

Why vision and mission are critical to a club

By Richard Cunningham, Rotary Club of James River, Richmond, Virginia, USA

To be continually successful in membership development through good times and bad, a club must know who it is – its appeal. It is important to have a vision statement (what the “end state” looks like) and a mission statement.

The emotional appeal of the wordings are most important. They come before the more detailed process components of a full package of change initiatives.

“When you discover your mission, you will feel its demand. It will fill you with enthusiasm and a burning desire to get to work on it.” -W. Clement Stone

A vision statement describes the desired future position of the club, perhaps 5 or 10 years ahead.

A mission statement typically covers a shorter period, say three years and explains the club’s reason for existence. Developing relevant vision and mission statements are the first steps in the process of change.

A mission statement summarizes:

- The aims and values of a club
- The tasks and purpose that clearly dictate the action plan and the reason for it.
- The core purpose and focus

This serves a dual purpose by helping members to remain focused on the tasks at hand, as well as encouraging them to find innovative ways of moving toward achievement of the club’s goals. A mission statement answers the following questions:

- Why do we exist?
- What is our “business”?
- Who are our members?
- What do they value?
- What do we do to achieve the club’s vision?

Well written vision and mission statements are opportunities for

attracting, engaging, or retaining volunteers, building organizational culture, and increasing service activities while leveraging all resources to successfully design and implement a strategic plan.

Understanding the mission gives members a better perspective on how their gifts of time and money contribute to achieving it, which can increase engagement, retention, and growth.

A study by Bain and Company indicated that organizations that have clearly defined vision and mission statements that are aligned with a strategic plan, outperform those who do not.

The ability to articulate the mission indicates its focus and purposefulness. This is Google’s. “To organize the world’s information and make it universally accessible and useful.” Googled” and “Googling” are now part of our vocabulary.

The most successful organizations spend abundant resources to create mission statements. Those statements are revised when conditions change. Here are some examples from great companies:

PepsiCo’s mission statement is “to provide consumers around the world with delicious, affordable, convenient and complementary foods and beverages from wholesome breakfasts to healthy and fun daytime snacks and beverages to evening treats.”

Starbucks Coffee’s mission statement is “To inspire and nurture the human spirit – one person, one cup and one neighborhood at a time.” The firm’s mission statement serves as an indicator of what the company wants to do at the core of its business.

A club’s mission statement should identify actions to achieve the club’s vision – and the mission statement and vision statement must be aligned with a future organizational chart, the club’s current strategic plan and be supported by its bylaws.

So when was the last time your club/board reviewed (and revised, if necessary) your:

- Vision Statement?
- Mission statement?
- Organizational Chart?
- Strategic Plan?
- Bylaws?



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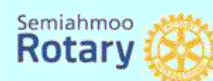
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A Visit to Port Moody Station Museum

On Thursday, April 27th Members of the Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial visited the Port Moody Station Museum. Our Markus Fahrner, Acting Museum Coordinator took us back in history and explained various aspects of the frontline warfare in general and the use of Trenches in particular. His descriptions of trench warfare conjured up all kind of visions in your mind, and also made you realise, once again, how lucky we are to live in this part of the world at this time. experiencing the trench and the living conditions those brave soldiers existed under was an absolute testament to the saying, "Ware is Hell".

The historic Port Moody Station which houses the Port Moody Station Museum was the second station built by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Completed in 1908, the building and displays represent the role of the train station in the community and the early development of Port Moody.

The Port Moody Station Museum is owned by the Port Moody Heritage Society and is located in Port Moody's 1908 CPR Station. The building and displays illustrate the role of the station in the community and the early development of Port Moody.

McKnight Trench

VIEWING THE TRENCH

This exhibit is intended to promote an important part of Canadian history and pay tribute to our former engineer and resident, Augustus McKnight. The message we hope the trench will clearly convey is peace and remembrance.

Biography of

Lieutenant Augustus Wilberforce McKnight

Augustus Wilberforce McKnight was born in Owen Sound Ontario on August 1, 1888, where he lived with his parents, brothers and sisters. After graduating in 1910 as a Military Engineer from the Royal Military College in Kingston Ontario, he travelled west to help with the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

Sometime Later McKnight went to British Columbia where he became the assistant City Engineer in Prince Rupert, and then worked with an engineering company in Vancouver, becoming a member (number 138) of the provincial Land Surveyors Association. Finally Augustus McKnight moved to the City of Port Moody settling down and becoming a city engineer.

Augustus McKnight was an active citizen of Port Moody where he was a member of the civilian rifle association team and the tennis club's executive committee and local Scout Leader.

In 1914 McKnight resigned from his position with the city of Port Moody and was commissioned with the rank of Lieutenant in North Vancouver's 6th Field Company Canadian Engineers. He went overseas with the 2nd Overseas Contingent ending up in France and Flanders with 4th Field Company, Divisional Engineers. On August 11, 1916 Lieutenant Augustus Wilberforce McKnight was fatally wounded, he was buried at Reninghelst New Military Cemetery in Belgium.

Venosta

Constructed in 1921 as one of 13 ten compartment *Glen* series cars. It entered service as *Glen Atha* and operated as built until May 1942 when it was completely refitted to increase its sleeping capacity. In its rebuilt form, it had eight sections and four double bedrooms. Eight of the 10 compartments car built in 1921 were reconstructed and joined six cars which were built new as eight section/four double bedroom sleepers in 1931. *Glen Atha* was renamed *Venosta* when rebuilt.



Markus Fahrner (in full uniform of the era) explaining about the Trench and warfare.



Members pictured inside the compartment of the train, Venosta.



Members pictured in front of the Venosta used for transporting soldiers and freight during the World War.

Time to finish the job of eradicating polio

Right Honourable
PAUL MARTIN
Former Prime Minister of Canada



Nearly 65 years ago, Canadian scientist Dr. Leone Farrell made a groundbreaking discovery that revolutionized our ability to fight one of the world's most devastating diseases.

At the time, polio – once known as “thecrippler” – paralyzed thousands of children every year and scientists were desperately searching for an effective vaccine. In 1952, U.S. scientist Dr. Jonas Salk seemed to have found an answer, but he didn't have a way to produce enough of his vaccine for trials or large-scale distribution. It was Dr. Farrell's breakthrough, the “Toronto Method,” that allowed for mass production of the vaccine and subsequent distribution to millions of children across North America.

While few may know of her work, Dr. Farrell's research in many ways represents the beginning of Canada's decades-long leadership in stopping the scourge of polio not only in Canada but everywhere in the world. Today, polio is close to becoming the second human disease ever eradicated, after smallpox. As we celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary this year, we should take great pride in Canada's extraordinary role in this effort – a role that will remain key to soon ending polio for good.

I was just eight years old when polio paralyzed my throat. While I was fortunate enough to make a full recovery, others weren't so lucky. At one point, there were so many cases spread across Canada that the Royal Air Force was deployed to deliver iron lungs, which helped children so severely paralyzed that they were unable to breathe on their own.

My father, who was Minister of National Health and Welfare during the 1950s and a polio survivor himself, knew how important it was for Dr. Salk's vaccine to be distributed as quickly as possible. When the U.S. field trials were halted in 1955 because of a batch of defective vaccines, my father made the tough choice to continue vaccine field trials in Canada. He trusted that the vaccines, which were developed at Canada's Connaught Laboratories (now Sanofi Pasteur), were safe and would save countless lives. His decision was crucial to maintaining public confidence in the vaccine and ultimately making it available to the rest of the world.

Over the next three decades, widespread use of Dr. Salk's vaccine, as well as an oral vaccine developed in the 1960s, led to dramatic reductions in cases globally. Countries began to eliminate the disease entirely, and Canada saw its last case in 1979.

By the 1980s, eradicating polio seemed achievable, and in 1987 Canada made its first financial commitment to ending polio. The following year, the World Health Assembly passed a resolution that launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) – a partnership today comprised of the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Today, Canada remains one of the top donors to the polio program.

The support of countries such as Canada has helped drive the remarkable progress made against polio. When the GPEI was launched, polio paralyzed 40 children every hour across 125

countries; in 2016, there were less than 40 cases in the entire year and in just three countries – Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. India, once considered the most difficult place in the world to stop the disease, hasn't had a single case of polio in more than six years.

There are many reasons to be optimistic that we'll soon live in a polio-free world – but we haven't finished the job just yet. The places where polio lingers are some of the most complex environments in the world, and getting to zero cases won't be easy. We were reminded of this last summer when Nigeria reported that four children had been paralyzed by polio – Africa's first new cases in two years.

Now, in order to send polio to the history books, the program needs an additional \$1.5-billion (U.S.) in funding. This financing will allow all countries to keep up their disease surveillance so they can track and respond to any traces of the poliovirus. It will also ensure millions of dedicated health workers – the majority of whom are women – can continue travelling to the furthest corners of the world to reach children with polio vaccines. Indeed, through these efforts, countries will pave the way for the delivery of other health services, even after polio is gone.

A global pledging event taking place at the annual Rotary Convention in Atlanta this June will give donors the opportunity to meet this funding need, and Canada's continued leadership and generosity at this moment will be essential.

Last year, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Canada “will be a strong partner through to the end.” In this case, the end is something extraordinary – a world where no little girl or boy has to live in fear of this paralyzing disease, and a world that is better equipped to tackle other health challenges.

With generations of Canadians helping to lead the way, ending polio will show the world what we can accomplish together.

IT'S TIME TO MAKE HISTORY.

How to spend less time managing club data

By **Chelsea Mertz, communications specialist,**
Rotary Service Connections

Does your club manage members and officer updates online? Did your district buy a club management system for the clubs in your district, such as DACdb, but your club uses a different vendor, like ClubRunner?

At Rotary International, we now provide clubs with the ability to use multiple vendors. What this means is that if your club is using a different system from your district leadership, you can select the district's vendor as a secondary vendor. Your vendor would remain the preferred, primary vendor which would be able to view and update club data. The secondary and any additional vendors would have view-only access to club data.

As a club, you are the owner of your club membership data. But with the multi-vendor abilities you can determine who handles your data. Your district will still be able to "view" your club's membership, but they will not be able to update your information.

So how do you get started?

Choose a licensed vendor and establish an account through the vendor's website. (Your club will be subject to the vendor's terms and policies.) Once you have an account, you can have a club officer integrate it with Rotary's database.

Over 14,000 clubs are already integrated directly with RI's membership database using tools provided by our licensed vendors. These tools help you keep your membership and club officer information up to date, connecting it to RI in real time. To find out more, visit our [Community Marketplace](#). You will find tools to help you manage your club so you can spend less time on administrative tasks, and more time developing and taking part in service projects.

Five Active Clubs



by **Brenda Gibson**

While attending a Rotary club board meeting the other day, I was struck by the number of projects in the works. "And that's just my club!", I realized with disbelief. There are FIVE active clubs on the Semiahmoo Peninsula alone, each deploying an army of people united by truth, fairness goodwill and better friendships. With so much going on, it's easy to lose track and miss out. Many noteworthy club initiatives happen behind the scenes or simply slip past unnoticed.

The Rotary Club of South Surrey has been busy in the community with two 'Shredathon' events and a wonderful Beatles Tribute night.

Together these events raised funding for a Pacific Assistance Dogs Society (PADS) Canine Assisted Intervention Team specifically for children dealing with the trauma of abuse. "We are very proud of this undertaking as we know it will materially and positively help kids who really need some help!" said Patrick Hahn, President of the South Surrey Rotary Club.

The club was also busy working with the Semiahmoo club and Shine the Light Foundation to present the very popular Sip and Savour event held last October. Proceeds from this event enabled Rotary to provide \$12,000 to the White Rock South Surrey Hospice Society. Mark your calendars for the next one – October 21st.

Many times, funds raised by club initiatives deploy back into the community silently. A few ways the Peace Arch club has applied their funds are:

\$6000 presented to LA Matheson Secondary, Guildford Park Secondary, and Queen Elizabeth Secondary (\$2,000 per school) for the new "CASTLE" program; Character, Awareness, Strength, Tenacity, Leadership and Empowerment. Donated funds will help each site implement this program developed in response to at-risk male students currently going down scary paths of gang affiliation, drugs, and other illegal activities. The weekly after-school

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sessions include positive male role model mentorship, interactive pro-social activities, discussions, guest speakers and practical skills for becoming young men who are positive citizens in their schools, communities, and circles of influence.

Additional donations have been made to the Riverdale Elementary PAC for Expressive Arts Therapy support. The \$4000 donation will be used to support new refugee students to help them deal with the trauma they have experienced as a result of their situation prior to entering Canada. \$2000 donation to H.T. Thrift Elementary, \$3,000 donation to Semiahmoo Secondary and \$2,000 to Holly Elementary PACs. In December, the club also donated \$2,000 to Tamanawis Secondary PAC for their Feed the Needy Dinner, which is put on every year for families in need in their community. Since 2008, the White Rock club has given \$3000 annually to the Semiahmoo Shopping Centre's Kid-Lit Reading Club program. This program is designed to encourage literacy and the love of reading to the children in our community. The program runs monthly, with 30 minute story time reading sessions, at the shopping centre. At each story time, children receive a reading card with 20 squares that parents initial after the children have read or been read to for 20 minutes. Once the card is complete,

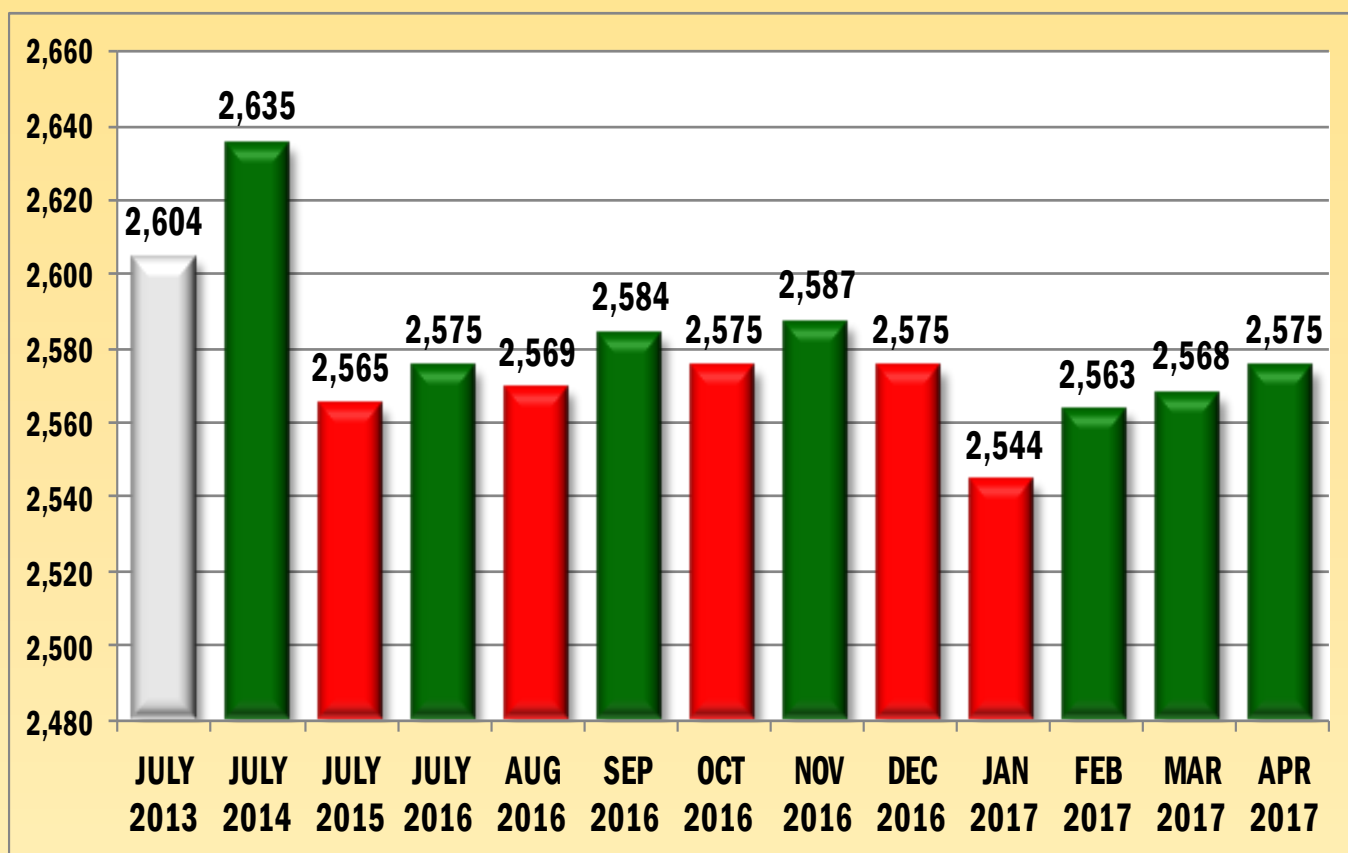
the child can turn it in at the next Kid-Lit Reading Club, and receive a special gift from Semiahmoo Shopping Centre and the Rotary Club of White Rock.

Not all giving back has a price-tag attached. Some events are focused simply on building friendships in our community. Take for example the Peace Arch club's sponsorship of monthly bingo nights alternating between Hazelmere Lodge in South Surrey and Beuna Vista Lodge in White Rock. Club members facilitate the games by calling the numbers, assisting residents as needed, and providing prizes. These bingo nights were established many years ago by past club member, Andrew Watkins with the tradition being continued by current facilitator, John Makepeace. It's a great opportunity to get to know the care home residents and staff. As an added bonus, past club members Helmut Buhrke and Dorothy Taylor (along with her husband, Bill) still help out.

All this is just a sampling of what's going on in our five clubs! We'd love to have you join in our work; here's how: Become a member of a local club and help plan and host fund-raising activities before deciding how and where funds will be deployed; partner with us by sponsoring events; attend / donate to our events. Whichever way (s) you chose to participate, we'd love to have you!

DISTRICT 5050 MEMBERSHIP AT A GLANCE

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Top 10 Clubs for Attendance in March

Chilliwack	94.00%
Abbotsford	89.83%
Coquitlam	83.21%
Pt. Moody	80.61%
Whidbey	80.00%
Everett	76.95%
White Rock	76.04%
Aldergrove	75.90%
Semiahmoo (White Rock)	75.61%
La Conner	74.04%

Clubs with net increase in membership between 1 July 2016 and 30 April 2017

Abbotsford-Matsqui	Abbotsford-Sumas
Aldergrove	Arlington
Bellingham Bay	Burlington Mid-Day
Chilliwack/Fraser	Cloverdale
Coquitlam	Coquitlam Sunrise
La Conner	Lake Stevens
Marysville	Meadow Ridge
Mission	Mount Vernon
North Delta	North Whidbey Island Sunrise
Port Coquitlam Centennial	Port Moody
San Juan Island (Friday Harbor)	Sedro Woolley
South Everett/Mukilteo	Stanwood/Camano Island
Whidbey-Westside	White Rock
White Rock-Peace Arch	

Source: My Rotary - District Report - District Growth

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Message from
Kalyan Banerjee
Trustees Chair



The
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Making the world better for 100 years

As we near the end of our year-long celebration of The Rotary Foundation's 100th anniversary, let's stop to think about what the world would be like if Rotarians had never created an endowment fund for doing good in the world.

I think we can say for certain that -without Rotary's historic PolioPlus -programme, the world would not be on the verge of -eradicating polio. Although public health officials and governments would have carried out routine vaccination efforts, it was Rotary's leadership and support that provided the impetus to move beyond containment of the virus to global eradication.

And let's consider the other diseases our Foundation grant projects have prevented and treated by providing access to health care, clean water, and adequate sanitation. Malaria, cholera, HIV/AIDS, Guinea worm — the list goes on and on. How many thousands of people have avoided suffering and even death because Rotarians carried out projects?

Without the Foundation, many more people would have remained illiterate and many others would not have the vocational skills needed to earn a living and provide for their families.

And then there is our quest for peace. In 2002, the first peace fellows started class at the Rotary Peace Centres. Today, hundreds of our graduates are using their skills to prevent and mediate conflict and help those, whose lives have been devastated by war.

In villages around the world, you see hundreds of signs identifying Rotary Foundation projects. They



SOCIETY SNAPSHOT

To highlight the growth of the Arch Klumph Society, below you will find a snapshot of current membership.

As of 1 July 2016, the society has 660 members!

TOTAL MEMBERS BY LEVEL

Trustees Circle	458
Chair's Circle	110
Foundation Circle	78
Platinum Trustees Circle	7
Platinum Chair's Circle	6
Platinum Foundation Circle	1
Total Members	660

TOP 10 MEMBER LOCATIONS

United States	370
Taiwan	61
India	45
Korea	43
Japan	27
Canada	18
Brazil	11
Australia	10
Nigeria	10
Hong Kong	9

stand beside water wells and are affixed to clinics and schools. When I see one of these signs, I feel proud to be a Rotarian and I think, "My contributions helped make this happen."

Let's never forget that behind every one of these signs is a story of the people whose lives have been touched and perhaps even saved. It is their stories that demonstrate conclusively how much better the world is because The Rotary Foundation exists.

Kalyan Banerjee
Foundation Trustees Chair

DISTRICT FOUNDATION GIVING

As of May 1, 2017, District 5050 has contributed the following amounts to the Rotary Foundation:

Annual Giving:	\$ 327,128.71 (\$127.04 per capita)
PolioPlus:	\$ 89,188.43
Endowment:	\$ 12,619.06
Other Funds:	\$ 16,918.42
Total combined giving:	\$ 445,854.62

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

1	Langley	BC	438.31
2	Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	431.64
3	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	310.64
4	White Rock	BC	294.54
5	White Rock Peninsula	BC	293.03
6	Langley Central	BC	287.13
7	San Juan Island	WA	255.61
8	North Delta	BC	247.54
9	Semiahmoo	BC	226.04
10	Fidalgo Island	WA	206.11
11	Everett	WA	198.31
12	South Whidbey	WA	197.92
13	Whidbey Westside	WA	190.26
14	La Conner	WA	189.93
15	Burlington	WA	189.36
16	Port Moody	BC	170.77
17	Coquitlam Sunrise	BC	167.33
18	Arlington	WA	166.94
19	Lake Stevens	WA	162.74
20	Abbotsford	BC	160.54
21	Aldergrove	BC	160.45
22	Coquitlam	BC	154.39
23	Chilliwack	BC	148.20
24	Port Coquitlam	BC	147.06
25	North Whidbey Island Sunrise	WA	135.67
26	South Everett/Mukilteo	WA	130.47
27	Surrey	BC	128.57
28	Monroe	WA	128.27
29	Meadow Ridge	BC	127.78
30	Surrey-Guildford	BC	120.76
31	Marysville	WA	114.46
32	Langley Sunrise	BC	105.53
33	Mt Vernon	WA	101.76
34	Bellingham	WA	100.73
35	Mission	BC	100.00

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

1	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	330.18
2	Monroe	WA	121.94
3	Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	107.14
4	Coquitlam	BC	106.99
5	North Delta	BC	102.31
6	Mission	BC	100.00



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Alexandra Rotary builds tomorrow's leaders

A 24-member group experienced a range of physical, mental and emotional challenges, all aimed at inspiring them to become better leaders in their communities.



From left: Scott Worthington, of Alexandra, Sakhr Munassar, of Dunedin, Alexandra Rotary Club president Carolyn Martin and Emily Wilson, of Wanaka, after Scott shared his advice on “self-reliance and embracing fear” at the Rotary Young Leaders Awards in Alexandra.

Wanaka woman Emily Wilson describes the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards as an “empowering” experience. The 26-year-old was one of

24 young people taking part in the Awards experience run by the Alexandra Rotary Club (New Zealand, RI District 9980).

The mix of 18 to 26-year-olds from South Canterbury, Otago and Southland stayed at the Dunstan High School hostel from Monday to Friday last week.

The group experienced a range of physical, mental and emotional challenges all aimed at inspiring them to become better leaders in their communities.

They visited local businesses, listened to various guest speakers, including Central Otago Mayor Tim Cadogan, and participated in a variety of physical activities.

Wilson, who works in several capacities with Wanaka children, said the experience had positively impacted her communication skills and her confidence.

She hoped to use those skills in to benefit her community. “There’re lots of different ways (we learned) to become a leader and to do what we love in the community. It’s just about being able to relate to people.”

“I’m really passionate about empowering people and helping them to be the best they can be (so) it’s been awesome really. It just gives you confidence.”

Rotary Club of Alexandra Rotary Youth Leadership Awards co-ordinator Barry Bemrose said Rotary were fortunate to be able sponsor and fund the annual experience.

It was an incredible amount of work to organise but was “a marvellous thing” to see young people benefit from it.

“We just provide them with a wide variety of experiences. “The whole idea is to see successful people and to see how they succeeded in life.”

Bemrose said this year’s group of young people were “just phenomenal” and were all fortunate to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Next year’s awards would likely be hosted by the Rotary Club of Dunedin, he said.

My path into Rotary

*By Kay Fisher,
a member of the Rotary Club of North
Mecklenburg, North Carolina, USA*

Growing up in the suburbs of Atlanta, I never learned how to swim, how to play the piano, or how it would feel to go to church on Sunday mornings. The opportunities were there. The new YMCA offered swim lessons, my grandparents bought me a new piano and offered to pay for lessons, and churches were close to my house. But these were all things my dad felt only “plastic people” did.

That was his word for those whose education afforded them a seemingly easy white collar life. My father had dyslexia, a condition not well understood in the 1950’s, and because of it he struggled in school. His insecurities growing up in a college town led him to drinking at an early age. As a plumber, he felt someone who didn’t get their hands dirty working was too self-absorbed on appearances and achievement to care about anything or anyone else.

When I was 13, my mother and I left him in the middle of the night. We moved to the hometown they both shared — Clemson, South Carolina, to live with my grandparents. It was a culture shock to go from suburban Atlanta to a small college town but gave me insight into my dad’s adolescence. Although I felt I was betraying him with my new facade, I decided being accepted in this new environment was more important and I wanted to join the group of kids whose parents he would have



From an Interactor to a Rotarian

called plastic.

In high school, the most popular extracurricular club was Interact. I joined and developed a love of service. Our club was active and there was a service project almost every week. We tutored elementary students, cleaned highways, visited nursing homes and a few of us went to a battered women’s shelter. I saw these kids as friends who cared about other people and other things greater than themselves.

At the end of the year, our sponsoring club hosted the Interactors at their weekly lunch meeting. We had learned Rotarians were

leaders, professionals, business owners and well respected community members. I loved Interact and wanted to learn more about this Rotary Club which had provided me opportunities to serve our community. I read about The Four-Way Test and learned Rotary was about Service Above Self. I met Rotarians who were welcoming and took an interest in me. They wanted to know about our club and the projects we had done. The experience forever changed the trajectory of my life and my image of leadership.

I graduated from Clemson University and now run a real estate business with my husband in Cornelius, North Carolina. I am a board member of the Rotary Club of North Mecklenburg, Davidson Lands Conservancy, and Our Town Habitat for Humanity. I am humbled by the opportunities to serve my community and am grateful to those Rotarians who created Interact. A moment of goodwill has the power to change the next generation of leaders.



Rotary's Polio Efforts Praised by Bill and Melinda Gates

Every year, Bill and Melinda Gates publish an annual letter to broaden awareness and interest in key global health and development programs. This year's Annual Letter mentioned polio among their foundation's ongoing efforts to fight disease and inequality, specifically, the incredible progress that's been made towards polio eradication. Melinda Gates offers these kind words to reaffirm the important role Rotary has had leading the way to a polio-free world:

"We're awed by the teams of vaccinators who take risks to reach each child. And we're inspired by the infinite persistence of Rotary International. They were leading this fight long before we joined it, and they've just kept moving forward."

She goes on to say, "They know going from 350,000 cases to 37 is amazing, but success is zero." Even though a handful of polio cases have been reported this year, there is a chance these are the last cases of polio in history. This June, Bill Gates will speak at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA to discuss how we can — and will — end polio together.

OUR 2017 ANNUAL LETTER BILL AND MELINDA GATES

Global health efforts are in jeopardy: A polio survivor reflects on proposed cuts to foreign aid

Minda Dentler

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched in 1988 to

end polio, which was endemic in India, paralyzing 200,000 children annually. The U.S. government signed on and has been a leading member since, contributing \$2 billion of the \$14-billion global effort. Because the initiative has championed global polio vaccination, cases have dropped 99.9%...

...But this stunning achievement and U.S. leadership in global



My mom was a Polio Pioneer

By Richard J. Fox, Rotary Club of Charlotte-Shelburne, Vermont, USA

Since joining Rotary in 2011, I have been impressed by its commitment to eradicating polio from the world through its End Polio Now campaign. That said, polio never resonated with me as a significant cause.

I was generally aware of polio's impact throughout history: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the March of Dimes, iron lungs, and the polio panic here in the United States. But it wasn't personal to me; it was something of the previous generation, abstract, to which I had no emotional investment.

And then my mom went and showed me how wrong I was.

A couple of weeks ago she handed me a small piece of cardboard and said "Since you're in Rotary and its always talking about polio, I thought you might want this." The cardboard was my mother's "Polio Pioneer" card, marking her as one of hundreds of thousands of children throughout the United States who, in the summer of 1954, participated in the largest clinical trial ever conducted.

.....Thanks to my mom, I better understand why Rotary is so focused on polio and why so many see its eradication as being so important. This further cements my admiration of, and commitment to, Rotary and the great Rotarians worldwide who work so diligently to make our world a better place.

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**Grateful acknowledgment to Shirley-Pat Chamberlain, a fellow Rotarian from British Columbia, who presented this thesis at the 2017 NorthEast PETS.*

health efforts are in jeopardy. President Trump's budget has proposed drastic cuts to foreign affairs funding — by almost 30%. This reduction in aid would hit U.S. and United Nations agencies that lead the global fight against many infectious diseases, polio among them. These agencies, which protect global health, also protect Americans from imported diseases.



Minda Dentler is a 2017 Aspen New Voices Fellow, a polio survivor and a global health advocate.

MAP International promotes the Total Health of people living in the world's poorest communities by partnering to provide essential medicine, promote community health development, prevent and mitigate disease, and respond to disaster and other health threats.

MAP International is a global Christian health and relief organization that treats 10 million people each year with medical aid in over 100 countries.



See how Steve Stirling of MAP International is helping his fellow Rotary members protect children in India from polio.

Day 1. April 1: After two red eyes and long layover in London we finally arrived in New Delhi to 103 degree temperature.

April 3. We went straight from the airport to a very crowded community to begin the door to door immunization of children under the age of 5 years with the polio vaccine. Rotary International India works with thousands of community volunteers to help vaccinate children against the crippling polio virus. The community welcomed us because they know Rotary's efforts have eradicated polio from India since 2010. This is a life changing accomplishment. A family welcomed us into their modest tiny one room home to make us tea. It was the best Indian Chai (tea) I've ever had.

Later in the afternoon, we visited St. Stephen Hospital for polio survivors.

Through the support from Rotary, Dr. Matthew Varghese performs life transforming surgeries to help get young boys and girls from crawling on the ground to being upright and walking with crutches. After healing from orthopedic surgeries, the center provides leg braces and crutches so they are able to walk. After I had the privilege of sharing my story, a number of boys and girls told us that they will study harder so that they may achieve their dreams. The polio drops provided by the Rotary and Gates Foundation costs just \$0.15 per dose. It is so much better on the Child and family to prevent this horrific disease then living with the life long struggles associated with this crippling disease. This is why I work at MAP where we help provide life saving medicines to 10M people each year through the generosity of pharmaceutical companies, donors and partners who provide medicines through local clinics and medical mission trips.

Thank you for making what we do possible.

Approximately 80 percent of all children around the world receive the vaccines they need to grow up healthy and thrive.

But the fact that vaccines exist does not mean they reach every child who needs them.

Vaccines only work when supply chains work. Improving the immunization supply chain—the network of staff, equipment, vehicles, and data needed to get vaccines safely from the manufacturer to health clinics—plays a critical part in strengthening immunization programs and reaching the one in five children who do not receive the vaccines they need.

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GOING THE DISTANCE TO BEAT POLIO

March 25–28 2017: 192,800 health workers & volunteers will...



Walk for miles, for up to 12 hours a day to visit every house, across 13 African countries, to vaccinate 116,000,000 children against polio...

That's going the distance

POLIO GLOBAL ERADICATION INITIATIVE



World Health Organization



Where polio hides

The discovery of the poliovirus in Nigeria last summer shocked eradication efforts. Here's how Rotary is making sure it doesn't happen again.

By Erin Biba Photos by Andrew Esiebo

For a 13-month-old boy whose family lives in northeastern Nigeria, escaping Boko Haram was only the beginning of a long, difficult journey.

When his family finally arrived at the Muna Garage camp for internally displaced people (IDP), they had walked more than 130 miles in three days. They were starving, and the camp was only a temporary setup with inadequate facilities, housing more than 15,000 people. But the worst news was yet to come. Health officials in the camp determined the baby had polio.

"It was heartbreaking," says Tunji Funsho, chair of the Nigeria PolioPlus Committee and a member of the Rotary Club of Lekki Phase I. Funsho met the boy on a trip he took in August to three of the country's IDP camps. "At least (the family was) able to escape Boko Haram. The child was able to walk but with a limp, and was quite malnourished."

If it weren't for the polio surveillance system that the World Health Organization (WHO) has in place at every one of Nigeria's IDP camps, Funsho says, the boy's polio could have easily gone unnoticed. In fact, it was a shock to the entire polio eradication effort in the country that a case existed at all.

The country hadn't had a case since July 2014 and had been removed from the list of polio-endemic countries. But in August 2016, routine surveillance methods, which include sampling of sewage and wastewater to look for viruses circulating in the wild as well as monitoring and investigating all cases of paralysis in children, discovered two cases of polio in Borno state — one of them the 13-month-old. (Two more cases were subsequently reported.) Polio wasn't gone from Nigeria after all.

"The new cases devastated us. Even one case is unacceptable. It's very unfortunate we are in this position, but we are recalibrating our efforts to end this disease," Nigeria's health minister, Isaac Adewole, told Rotary leaders during a meeting at Rotary International World Headquarters at the time. "We consider this situation a national emergency."

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Rotary Club volunteer brings hope to Afghanistan

A 66-year-old nurse Fary Moini in San Diego encouraged her local club to build a school in war-torn country.



A former nurse, Fary Moini persuaded La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club to build a school for refugee children in Afghanistan.

The Rotary Jalalabad School now serves 5,700 students.

(Photo: Nancee E Lewis)

Ask Fary Moini about the school for refugee children that she encouraged her Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle (California, D 5340) to build in Afghanistan, or about the weeks she spent in Turkey training a group of Afghan doctors to use fetal monitors, or the months she spent in an Israeli hospital nursing an Afghani toddler back to health, and she will share every detail of every journey, giving credit to all of the people who helped along the way.

Ask her why she volunteers to make dangerous trips to help women and children in perilous situations, however, and she skips the specifics and lands right in the heart of what matters.

"What keeps me going is love and compassion and making a difference somehow," the 66-year-old Moini said during an interview in her La Jolla apartment. "I know people who will say, 'Let's go to Italy for vacation. Let's go to France.' I would rather go to Afghanistan. It gives me so much joy."

Born and raised in Iran, Moini came to San Diego in 1984 with a lifetime of experiences behind her and a big blank page where her future was going to be. There was the father who told all six of his children to learn one word of English a day, even though he spoke no English himself. There was the mother who loved reading and encouraged Moini to study nursing.

Then there was her career as a cardiology nurse and her stints in hospitals in Tehran and Dubai. There were also clashes with the director of the Dubai hospital, where she defied orders to veil her nurses and refused to hang a portrait of the Ayatollah Khomeini in her office.

"He wanted to send me back to Iran," Moini said of the director. "And knew that if I went back, I would go to prison or be killed."

So she came to the United States. Her early years in San Diego were a challenge, as Moini struggled with health issues and a failing marriage. But by the early 2000s, things were looking up. Moini was running two tuxedo-rental shops — which she sold in 2004 — and she was beginning to develop a network of friends.

Most importantly, she had joined the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club, where she found the people who would change her life.

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"I'm very blessed. Just look at my life," Moini said. "I'm seeing all of these schoolchildren growing up and getting married and communicating with me. I have my wonderful club. I don't have enough words to say how much I admire them and adore them. People say that when you find your passion, you will never work a day in your life, and that's me."

Canada Day at the Arch Klumph Society



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

April 12, 2017

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to offer my congratulations to the inductees of the Rotary Foundation's Arch Klumph Society.

Rotary members are known around the world for their commitment to serving others and for their fundraising efforts that benefit both local and international causes. Through its many initiatives, the organization works to improve health care, education and economic prosperity across the globe.

Today, Rotary International honours 14 Canadian couples who have made significant contributions to the foundation. Your generous support will help to ensure that the organization can continue its important work. I join your family, friends and the Rotary Foundation in paying tribute to your efforts.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada



April 12, 2017

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau sent a congratulatory message to the 14 new Canadian members of The Rotary Foundation Arch Klumph Society.

These 14 compassionate dedicated Rotarians have each made a donation of US\$250,000 to the programs of The Rotary Foundation.

Thank you PM Trudeau for your support for Rotary.

ROTARY INDIA LITERACY MISSION

**Indian Prime Minister
Narendra Modi
sends a letter to RILM Chair Shekhar
Mehta on the occasion of the
Rotary South Asia Literacy
conference in Chennai.**



सत्यमेव जयते

प्रधान मंत्री
Prime Minister

New Delhi
March 03, 2017

Dear Sh. Shekhar Mehta ji

I am happy to learn about The Rotary South Asia Literacy summit. I sincerely hope that the summit will result in a vibrant discussion on various facets relating to education & will enrich the current discourse on education. I am also happy to know about Rotary's efforts towards its TEACH program.

Education is one of the most important focus areas of our Government. We are actively working to improve learning outcomes. The Government is also working to facilitate setting up of world-class education institution in India.

My best wishes for the successful organisation of Rotary South Asia Literacy Summit.

Regards,

(Narendra Modi)

Shri Shekhar Mehta
145, Sarat Bose Road
Kolkata

8,000 kilometers to peace

Rotary members in a small town of Nova Scotia, Canada, took action to bring two families from war-torn Syria to their country, where the refugees are starting a new life.

By Ryan Hyland

This explosion was close – much closer than the others that had rattled the village on the outskirts of Homs, Syria, where Sultanah Alchegade lived with her four young children. This one hit the school next door, blasting out one of the walls of their house.

Alchegade grabbed the children and ran into the night and the choking smoke and dust. A neighbor helped her carry her three-year-old twin boys, Mounzer and Kaiss; another drove the pickup truck they all clambered into. Over the next several days, as bombs continued to fall, the family – including daughters Kawthar, age six, and Roukia, a baby – took refuge in a nearby forest, sleeping under the trees as Sultanah tried to figure out their next move.

In neighboring Lebanon, Sultanah's husband, Mazen, frantically tried to contact his wife. For years, Mazen had shuttled back and forth across the border every few weeks to do construction work on high-rise buildings in Beirut. While the jobs provided an income for his family, he says, the separation was hard. But their situation had just gotten much harder.

With the Syrian civil war now engulfing his village, Mazen couldn't return. And it would be four months before his wife and children could cross into Lebanon.

Eventually, the family was reunited. They were alive. But they were refugees, seeking asylum in any country that would take them, hoping to get far away from the violence that had driven them, along with millions of other Syrians, into foreign lands.

The Alchegade family registered with the United Nations High

Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the agency responsible for resettling Syrian refugees, and waited. They were still in Lebanon nearly three years later.

Meanwhile, 8,000 kilometers away, Rotarians in the small town of Amherst, Nova Scotia, were watching images of Syrian refugees on television and looking for ways to help.

Sultanah Alchegade and her family are building a new life in Nova Scotia after being forced to flee their home during Syria's violent civil war. More than 11 million people have been displaced since the conflict began in 2011.

11 million
Syrians have been displaced since 2011

2.9 million
Syrians have settled in Turkey

40,000+
Syrian refugees have settled in Canada since November 2015

884,000
Syrians have applied for asylum in Europe

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Leslie Yaneth Rodriguez is an entrepreneur that receives microcredit loans through the Uniendo America Foundation, The Rotary Foundation and Rotary clubs.



Investing in entrepreneurs can shrink poverty rates in Latin America by including more women in the workplace.

Last month, World Economic Forum Founder Klaus Schwab set out a challenge to transform the narrative of globalization. While market-driven globalization has lifted over a billion people out of poverty, he said it has failed to meet the needs and aspirations of crucial segments of society who feel they are living in a precarious situation.

This warning is relevant not only to Western Europe and the US, where the most dramatic political upheavals are taking place, but also to Latin America, where the World Economic Forum gathers this week in Buenos Aires to discuss the region's future.

United Nations reports tell us that 60 million people in Latin America were lifted out of poverty between 2002 and 2013. Yet since the commodity boom ended, the poverty rate crept up again from 28.2% in 2012 to 29.2% in 2015. In addition, a large body of people have not benefited from the expansion of social programmes over the last decade.

To maintain the astonishing progress in social and economic gains seen at the start of this century, how can Latin America reshape the narrative of globalization for the benefit of its citizens?

One approach is to take a lead in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. The 17 Goals and 169 accompanying targets may appear daunting, but when integrated into existing policy frameworks, they are much more achievable.

For example, Colombia's government has already integrated 92 of the SDG targets into its National Development Plan, while Mexico and Venezuela have taken similar actions to build the goals into their policy frameworks and establish national indicators for progress.

Another approach is to focus on the populations that have not benefited from the broad gains in progress over recent years, particularly women and young people.

Latin America faces high and growing youth unemployment rates, with more than one in five young people neither employed nor in school. According to the Development Bank of Latin America, only 50.3% of women participate in economic activities in the region.

Sustainable growth and resilient economies would be a much more realistic proposition with more women and young people incorporated in the workforce.

That workforce is mainly found in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), which account for more than 90% of companies in Latin America, and will be a major source of job creation and economic growth.

However, several structural, social and psychological obstacles stand in the way of high-growth entrepreneurship, particularly for the unemployed.

These barriers in Latin America include limited access to finance and entrepreneurship education; higher business costs; and regulatory hurdles to enter the market or start a new business.

It seems that, even if many people have a strong desire to start a new business, they are discouraged by these hurdles.

As the OECD notes, self-employed entrepreneurs can lose certain social security benefits. While Latin America and the Caribbean also reported the lowest proportion of adults believing that entrepreneurs are highly regarded on the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM).

Although entrepreneurship will be vital for future growth and prosperity, unleashing its potential is no mean feat.

Latin America boasts the highest levels of "capability perception"—63% believe that they have the required skills to start a business—but the lowest proportion of medium-to-high growth entrepreneurs, at just 17%.

So why doesn't high self-belief translate into smart risk taking and high growth enterprises? Is this a case of inflated capability perception masking a crisis of confidence?

If we dive a little deeper into the data, we see that women in Latin America, especially in economies at an earlier stage of development, are more likely to start businesses out of necessity rather than opportunity. Even in countries with some of the higher rates of female entrepreneurship, such as Ecuador, Brazil, and Chile, women were far more likely to receive loans from family and friends than financial institutions.

So how do you address the disparities in opportunity, gender and age at a national, policymaking level?

Cutting red tape is one obvious policy solution, which countries like Chile, Colombia and Panama have adopted with positive results.

However, the perception of entrepreneurship is as important as some of the structural barriers to its pursuit. The GEM report found the women interviewed in Latin America tended "to have lower confidence in their own abilities, coupled with higher fear of failure rates".

Providing the management skills to harness existing capital should be just as much a priority as improving access to finance.

If Latin America can respond to one of the major complaints against market-driven globalization—its impersonal and remote governance structures—then local accountability must play a central role in empowering budding entrepreneurs to start and grow their businesses.

One microcredit project in the Esmeraldas Province of Ecuador uses the group loan methodology to ensure sustainable entrepreneurial growth. Borrowers are organized into credit groups, and cross-guarantee each other's loans. With credit officers working locally, the people who benefit—primarily poor women and youth—gain more confidence to start businesses, and are more likely to repay the loans. They also receive vocational, business and personal development training from NGOs including Rotary, FUDECE and the Grameen Cooperative, and SECAP, a government training organization.

In a similar microcredit scheme in Colombia, 100% of the loans were repaid in the second phase of the project.

These success stories can only be replicated on a larger scale in Latin America if we acknowledge two insights. First, the informal economy will be a major source of employment creation until formalizing new businesses becomes both cheaper and easier. Second, women and young people must believe that they have the skills and support needed to succeed as entrepreneurs.

Through policy and sustainable local initiatives, we can give them not just confidence, but concrete steps to success. Even better, we can share the lesson of the world's most innovative ecosystems; that early failure is not such a bad thing, if you have the opportunity to try again.

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Prestigious award to Rotary Peace Fellow in Uppsala

By Magnus Elfwendahl, Rotary Club of Uppsala Carolina, Sweden. Elfwendahl is host area coordinator at the Rotary Peace Center in Uppsala

In January, I had the honor of watching as Rotary Peace Fellow Lindsey Doyle from the United States received Uppsala University's foremost award to teachers and students supporting human rights. Doyle was awarded the Martin H:son Holmdahl prize at Uppsala's doctoral conferment ceremony.

The prize committee noted Doyle's unusual and inspiring way of bridging academic excellence and personal experience for human rights and peace building. It made the Rotary members in the audience proud to experience how the outstanding quality and academic performance of our Peace Fellows is attracting growing attention and esteem.



Peace Fellow Lindsey Doyle (far right, first row) and other prize winners with Vice-chancellor Eva Åkesson

I am full of admiration for the effort our peace fellows put into their work, preparing themselves for their future pursuit for peace and reconciliation.

Congratulations Lindsey!

Lindsey Doyle (Class XIV) was awarded the Martin H:son Holmdahl-stipendiet based on her commitment to promote and defend human rights.

Lindsey had worked in low-income areas of Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Argentina supporting local youth to develop and lead.

During her Applied Field Experience (AFE) Lindsey explored the role of the performing arts in post-conflict reconciliation. She has partnered with several local artists, dance companies, and the University of Cape Town (UCT) School of Dance to carry out workshops on how improvisational dance can be used to tell stories and to help process past and current injustices that are otherwise left invisible.



Masao Mizuno meets with a Rotary Peace Fellow.

Why host a Rotary Peace Fellow?

By Masao Mizuno, Rotary Club of Ageo West, Japan

Hosting a Peace Fellow substantially changed my life in Rotary. Since joining

Rotary, I have been running a company that imports industrial tools, mostly from Israel and Europe, so I am familiar with talking to people from other countries.

My initial purpose for joining Rotary was to make local friends and expand my network. However, I began to think about

peace more seriously after running a joint venture with an Israeli company. After seven years in my club, I took a position on our club's Rotary Foundation committee, and heard about the Rotary Peace Fellowship program. Getting involved seemed like the right thing to do.

I met many Peace Fellows in May of 2015 as part of a cross-cultural trip I joined. The students were so similar to the people I work with internationally, so it took only a few seconds to make friends with them. Most of the Peace Fellows are well experienced in both studying and travelling. When I talk to them, I feel relaxed and encouraged. Additionally, I have had many chances to meet with family members and friends of Peace Fellows as a Rotary Foundation committee member during the last two years.

I have been enjoying the time I get to spend with Peace Fellows and I appreciate the opportunity to support these enthusiastic young students.

Changing the world is possible, through Rotary

By Bethany Lerch, former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, 2010-2011

I knew little about Rotary eight years ago when my former high school counselor encouraged me to apply for an Ambassadorial Scholarship. He was retired, but still active in Rotary, and knew a master's was my next step. At the time, I had just graduated from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and knew I needed to go to graduate school. But where and how?

Through a Google search, I learned Rotary was an international service organization. Intrigued, I applied for the scholarship and made it to the district interview, where I was asked what I wanted to do, *really do*. The question took me by surprise. Unsure how to answer, I stuttered that I hoped to change the world someday. I remember looking at the floor thinking, how far-fetched.

Less than a week later, I received the call that I had been selected. What if, I wondered, my acceptance had to do with wanting to "change the world" someday?

The University of Saint Andrews was my graduate school home. I pursued Terrorism Studies in hopes of better understanding the phenomenon that was killing so many, so often. In spring, two faculty members took me and a dozen classmates to the Middle East to see the context of that particular enduring conflict for ourselves. It was crushing.

I zeroed in on Afghanistan with my research, marveling at the country and investigating its history of, and tendency toward, violence as a means to an end. If ever there was a country that baffled historians and social scientists, Afghanistan is it. From the Anglo-Afghan wars to the Taliban to Al Qaeda, Afghanistan remains a bit mysterious.

It took four years of independent work and international travel before I finally made it to Afghanistan as a trainer on Gender Integration and Resource Management with the U.S. government. My job was to meet incoming Coalition personnel and teach them about the overall mission, as well as the country's political and cultural terrain.

I arrived believing in making a change, forging ahead with equal rights for women, and telling others about doing the same. Less than a month later, a young Afghan woman named Farkhunda was brutally killed by a mob in downtown Kabul. Big questions set in. Mostly I wondered if we had the right approach: What if it was all too much, too soon?

My second job in Kabul took me from NATO headquarters into the city, where I worked with Afghan consultants to help their countrymen in the Ministries of Defense and Interior. Our team included strong Afghan women. Zahra was one of them. She demonstrated



Bethany Lerch, right, takes notes while speaking to a female attendee during a national mine awareness conference in Kabul.

competence, courage, and commitment to rebuilding her country.

Zahra explained that she hoped to attend graduate school abroad. Like my guidance counselor before me, I told her about Rotary scholarships. Unfortunately, when we turned to Afghanistan-based Rotary groups, we found them unable to facilitate the global grant application.

As an alternative, I turned back to my hometown Rotary clubs in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA. Would they be willing to help Zahra? They were.

The Afghan Education Project kicked off with a small group: representatives from two Oshkosh Rotary clubs, folks from the University of Wisconsin campus in Oshkosh, and I (in Kabul). The university waived out-of-

state tuition; a Rotary club provided the sponsor letter to the U.S. Embassy in Kabul; and Rotarians donated to fund the cost of Zahra's in-state tuition for a graduate degree in Educational Leadership and Policy.

Now in her second semester, Zahra has achieved all A's. She is gainfully employed on-campus, for which she receives free room and board and meals. She is researching more about women's access to education in Afghanistan, specifically how ethnicity and regional cultural norms impact their access. Upon her return to Afghanistan, she plans to work in educational policy. She'd like to integrate more literacy components, diversity lessons, and tolerance best-practices into the national curriculum.

I've always suspected that changing the world is possible. Rotary helped change my world, then did the same for Zahra. Just as Rotary makes a difference through its global organization and local presence, so, too, will Zahra's future leadership in Afghan education make a difference for countless young students in Kabul and beyond.

Bethany Lerch is the founding President of Rotaract Oshkosh, graduate of the University of Saint Andrews, and former Coalition Military Advisor in Kabul, Afghanistan. For more information on the Afghan Education Project, including how to support it, visit www.able-to.org.



Lerch, third from left in rear, at a round table discussion with her Coalition colleagues and women in the Afghan military.

Rotary's People of Action

Where others see problems, Rotary members see solutions. Our 1.2 million members see opportunities and possibilities in their communities around the world.

Here are some of the stories of our People of Action.



Rotarian rummage sale generates \$7 million in 60 years

For the past 60 years, the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island in Washington, has held an annual auction and rummage sale that raised more than \$7 million.

The long-term success of the auction has made it a cultural event. Proceeds of the event help almost every corner of their community, including feeding the hungry through the local food bank, buying cribs for infants in need, funding a school robotics program and helping seniors with dental care .



Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.

Through prenatal clinics and cancer screening, Rotary members provide health care to vulnerable mothers and children so they



Refugees-turned-Rotarians from North Korea share their dreams for peace

Every member of the Rotary Club of Ulsan Freedom is a refugee from North Korea. Rejecting an oppressive regime built on the denial of individual freedom, they risked their lives to realize their dream of “living like a human being.” And now that they have built new lives in the South, they have turned their attention to helping others. Each month, the Rotarians visit the Ulsan Home for Children, helping to clean the playrooms and take care of children.

Most recently, club members sat down with children in an art class. With crayons in hand, grownups and children worked together to sketch their dreams of a peaceful future. “Many of us became separated from our families while escaping the North. So our hearts ache when we see children of the same age as our own at this orphanage,” said club president Ju-eun Seok.

can live longer grow strong together.

We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented.

The 2017 Rotaract Outstanding Project Award recognized the Rotaract Club of the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, for launching a three-year project to improve lives in the rural community of Ranugalla. The club, which represents Rotary District 3220 (Sri Lanka), hopes to empower residents through sustainable education and economic development initiatives.



Weaving Village Cooperative in Sri Lanka

During its first year, the club opened a library and science lab for the local school and helped students prepare for college entrance exams and careers. It also targeted infrastructure, bringing clean water into homes and building bridges to link neighborhoods flooded during the rainy season. To stimulate economic growth, the club opened a weaving cooperative for female entrepreneurs.



Building science lab and library in Sri Lanka

"Rather than initiating a project to donate materials, we thought a project to address all the issues in the village would be much more beneficial to all," says Chamal Kuruppu, president of the University of Moratuwa Rotaract club.

Best multidistrict project went to Rotaractors in Brazil for their campaign to combat hate crimes in online communities. More than 1,000 Rotaract members from 34 Brazilian districts planned activities during World Rotaract Week in 2016, adapting the campaign to their communities — such as partnering with a university to design a workshop series on

Internet hate crimes — and using their social networks to spread messages of diversity, inclusion, and peace.

This year, over 300 projects were nominated in 52 countries. The awards recognize the best single-club project, best multidistrict project, and outstanding service projects in each of six geographical regions. The best single-club project and best multidistrict project receive \$500 each for future service activities and will be invited to inspire other Rotaractors at the Rotaract Preconvention in Atlanta.

These clubs received regional recognition:

Asia Pacific: Rotaract Club of ePermax, District 3810, Philippines

The Rotaract Club of ePermax, in collaboration with its sponsor Rotary club, the Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery, and local police, developed a curriculum to support young people's emotional and physical well-being. Club members not only trained young people to recognize bullying and defuse situations that could become dangerous, but also created a school garden to keep them active, healthy, and self-sufficient.

South Asia: Rotaract Club of Lote, District 3170, India

For years, the rural community of Gavathan, India, has had a river winding through it, but no clean water or electricity. The Rotaract Club of Lote sought to harness the river's natural resource to improve lives. Its project resulted in the construction of a small dam, pipes for irrigating crops, and a turbine-operated plant that is powering 61 streetlights.

Europe, Middle East, and Central Asia: Rotaract Club of Izmir Ekonomi, District 2440, Turkey



Primary School Workshops in Izmir, Turkey

The ongoing conflict and refugee crisis in Syria has affected nearly everyone in neighboring Turkey, including its schoolchildren. To help Syrian and Turkish students overcome their differences and focus on their shared human rights, the Rotaract Club of Izmir Ekonomi hosted workshops in two primary schools.

After the workshops, which were organized with help from the Council of Europe, the European Law Students' Association, the United Nations, and child psychologists, the young students were asked to express their feelings through painting. "We saw in the paintings that their thoughts changed in a positive way," said a member of the Rotaract club.

Sub-Saharan Africa: Rotaract Club of Cotonou Phare, District 9102, Benin

The Rotaract Club of Cotonou Phare undertook a multiphase project to bring clean water and improved sanitation facilities to a local orphanage. The first phase involved drilling a well for the facility's kitchen and bathrooms. In the second, club members worked with their sponsor Rotary club and other service organizations to refurbish the toilets.

Latin America: Rotaract Club of Pau dos Ferros, District 4500, Brazil

More than 25 organizations and businesses supported the Rotaract Club of Pau dos Ferros in its efforts to boost the rural community of Varzea Nova. Over 13 months, the club helped establish Internet connectivity in the town, provided medical exams and services, led childhood education sessions for infants and parents, organized vocational training for adults, and hosted a cultural festival.

USA, Canada, and Caribbean: Rotaract Club of the University of Lethbridge, District 5360, Canada



Building kindergarten facilities in Mazatlan, Mexico

Rotaractors from the University of Lethbridge in Alberta raised \$36,500 to update kindergarten facilities in the community of Mazatlan, Mexico. By collaborating with the local government and Rotary clubs, Rotaractors ensured that the funds were used for teachers' salaries and for buying new plumbing and classroom spaces for about 70 students.

Rotary, ShelterBox in Peru to help flood victims

By Rotary International staff

Rotary International has been working with its partner ShelterBox to provide relief to flood victims in Peru.

Since February, flash flooding and mudslides have damaged and destroyed thousands of buildings, including homes, schools, and churches in several countries in western South America.

Rotary and Rotaract in Peru have reported widespread destruction there. A ShelterBox response team is working with local authorities and Rotary to assess the damage and determine how to help people in the northwest region of the country.

The floods in Peru have killed more than 100 people. According to the Los Angeles times, relief agencies estimate that 700,000 people have been left homeless. Heavy rains are expected to continue for the rest of the week.

Where flood waters have receded, they've left behind a thick layer of mud. This can lead to serious health problems and irritation of the eyes, skin, and respiratory tract, ShelterBox officials say.



Women in Rotary



June 13th, 2017 from 5:00-7:00pm | The Carter Presidential Center | Atlanta, GA



Charlotte Ahlberg



Dean Rohrs



Jennifer Scott



Nick Krayacich



Sylvia Whitlock

Attendees will have the honor of presenting the Inaugural Women in Rotary Award at this prestigious event! Highlighting the event will be five guest speakers touching on specific topics with the goal of inspiring and helping women while on their journey in Rotary, and to help women become more involved in Rotary. These speakers include: Charlotte Ahlberg, Dean Rohrs, Jennifer Scott, Nick Krayacich and Sylvia Whitlock.



Education breaks the cycle of modern slavery

The slaveholder creates a scheme such that the interest is more than the family ever makes, so no money really changes hands, and the family gets further and further into debt. That contract is never paid off.

Carol Hart Metzker
Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery

While many people would like to think that slavery was a tragedy of the past, the truth is that it still exists today, with up to 46 million people enslaved worldwide.

The Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS) has a strategy for fighting this horrible problem, working at the local level.

"It's this Rotarian attitude – you give them a problem and instead of throwing their hands up in dismay, they start chipping away at it piece by piece," says Carol Hart Metzker, a member of the action group. "Maybe slavery won't be solved in my lifetime, but in two more years, we're going to have a whole hamlet free."

In a village in northeastern India, the action group is tackling the problem of debt bondage. With the help of 13 clubs, a district grant through the Rotary Club of Binghamton, New York, USA, and other sources, the action group is providing \$36,000 toward the work of Schools4Freedom, a project of the organization Voices4Freedom. Schools4Freedom works with local partner organization *Manav Sansadhan Evam Mahila Vikas Sansthan* (MSEMV) to battle debt bondage.

The RAGAS project will support the efforts in one of those villages for three years. The name of the village, which is in the Uttar Pradesh state, is kept secret to protect the villagers and aid workers.

Poverty, illiteracy, innumeracy, and natural disasters that destroy crops or homes can leave villagers vulnerable to debt bondage in rural villages.

"When people don't have enough to eat, and they barely have the ability to keep a roof over their head and their family quite literally alive, they will often turn to whatever means are possible for survival," Metzker says.

Families may seek an arrangement with a business owner, who asks them to sign a contract that they can't read and therefore can't understand, and they inadvertently trade their freedom for survival, she says.

"The slaveholder creates a scheme such that the interest is more than the family ever makes, so no money really changes hands,

and the family gets further and further into debt," Metzker says. "That contract is never paid off."

Of the village's 400 residents, 132 are living in debt bondage, enslaved in the slaveholder's brick kilns, farm, or construction projects, she says. "The others are at risk because they, too, are in abject poverty."

Hundreds of thousands of people in Uttar Pradesh and the neighboring state of Bihar are working in forced labor in industries including agriculture, domestic servitude, commercial sex, stone quarries, or brick kilns, says Bhanuja Sharan Lal, director of MSEMV.

The problem is exacerbated by inaction on anti-slavery laws, caste discrimination, discrimination and violence against women, lack of effective protection for children, lack of training of front-line officials, and corruption, Lal says.

"Businesses and landlords, mostly in the informal sector, face no effective sanctions for holding and using people in forced labor," he says. "The status quo survives because in many industries the business model relies on debt bondage as a means to control workers."

The Schools4Freedom project establishes a school, including funding for two teachers. Children receive school supplies and three years of hot lunches. The village gets a computer to document the project. A solar light is installed in the village to help protect children from snakebites and help prevent sexual assault against women. Women are trained in a trade.

"What's so amazing about Schools4Freedom is that one removes all of these vulnerabilities," Metzker says. "You strengthen the people and then you teach them that they have basic rights so that they can go and, in a sense, demand that freedom themselves."

Funds also pay for a simple school structure of brick pillars with a corrugated tin roof. It keeps the extreme heat and rain at bay, "but it's not such an amazing building that someone can take it over," she says. "It's not so valuable that a slaveholder would burn it down to stop the process."

Most important, the project pays for two front-line workers who are local and highly specialized in educating the villagers. The workers

teach them that they have basic human rights such as freedom and access to government services – and all of this is done quietly at first, Metzker says.

"You have to know how to do it, when to do it, the safe way to do it so that the front-line workers themselves and the villagers don't take the brunt of a slaveholder's anger," she says. "We can't, as Rotarians, do that job."

The school structure is usually the first sign to the slaveholders that something may be happening, and they may ridicule the children for getting an education, trying to convince them that it's pointless.

"Does the slaveholder think about where that's going in two or three years? The writing is on the wall," Metzker says.

Sometimes slaveholders, not wanting to lose the labor, will create employment arrangements with the villagers. Other times, slaveholders become violent and the situation requires legal action, she says.

The three-year process ensures time for the entire village to see that it is in a position of strength.

Additionally, liberated villages are connected to a network of other freed villages, to continue supporting one another, says Peggy Callahan, co-founder of Voices4Freedom.

The problem of debt bondage is insidious because it can entrap multiple generations. But with the project efforts, "not only will these people be free and educated and able to build a life of dignity, but their children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be born in freedom," Callahan says.

Metzker, who is a member of the Rotary E-Club of One World D5240, became involved in anti-slavery efforts after a National Immunization Day trip to India in 2004, during which she visited a center for children who had been freed from slavery. She went on to write the book [Facing the Monster: How One Person Can Fight Child Slavery](#) and now works as a consultant to the Salvation Army's New Day to Stop Trafficking program. She received Rotary's Service Above Self Award in 2009-10.

"Someday, there is going to be such a huge difference because we realized there really is something you can do," she says. "And we did it."

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY



How to help Syrian refugees

The Rotary Club of Amherst in Nova Scotia, Canada, partnered with two local churches to sponsor two Syrian refugee families. The effort took the skills and experience of members of

all three organizations to achieve success. Watch project leaders talk about how they built the partnership.

Why Zero Matters

Polio cases have been reduced by 99.9% worldwide since 1988. But continuing efforts to end the disease are critical to eradicating polio for good. We've immunized over 2.5 billion children in the world's most sophisticated global health initiative. Help us make history by getting to zero.



snapshot of how Rotary's funds were used toward polio eradication efforts in early 2017.

Bono on Rotary and Polio

This year marks 30 years since Rotary launched PolioPlus, its campaign to rid the world of polio. Beginning on Rotary's anniversary, 23 February,

Rotary members worldwide holds events to celebrate three decades of polio eradication progress.



Do Good with Us: The Rotary Foundation

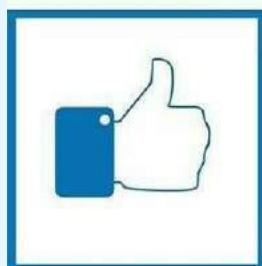
Since 1917, Rotary's foundation has spent more than \$3.7 billion helping people and communities.



Look at Rotary Differently

This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again"

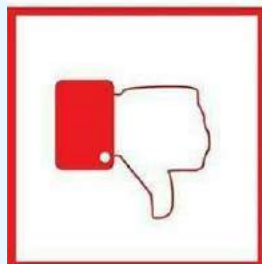
Paul Harris,
Founder of Rotary.



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District 7230 - New York & Bermuda

Grassroots Peacemaking



Rotary is the biggest Peacemaking Organization in the world with 1.2 million members in 215 different countries and territories. Rotary is also one of the founders of the United Nations.

Studies show that there are no winners in modern wars.

Peace is the only way to win. Once the conflicting parties realize this fact, it will be in their own self-interest to pursue peace.

Rotary International Conventions are increasingly becoming more popular, especially when it comes to Rotaractors.

These pictures taken at last year's convention assures us Rotarians that the Future of Rotary is in GOOD HANDS!



ROTARY FALL CLASSIC

GOLF TOURNAMENT



CELEBRATING
25
Years

Entry Fee \$175 per golfer

\$700 for a foursome

Texas Scramble - 11:00 am Shotgun Start

Thursday, September 14th, 2017

Westwood Plateau Golf & Country Club

Registration & credit card payments accepted online at

www.rotaryfallclassic.ca



Last year was another successful edition of this great fundraising event with over \$15,000 raised, bringing the total monies generated to nearly \$520,000!

Once again, your generosity has helped support numerous Rotary projects and has had a positive impact on many lives within our community and around the world.

Some of the charities which continue to be supported by the Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise :

Starfish Backpack Program

Access Youth Outreach Services

New View Society

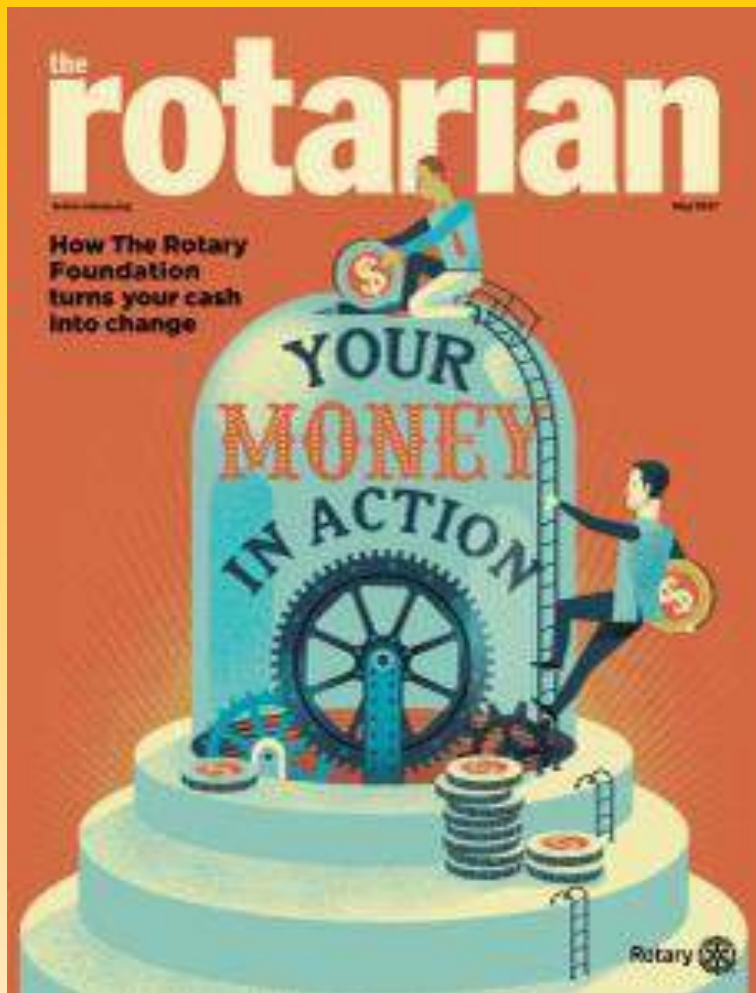
Share Family & Community Services

Operation Red Nose

Special Olympics

BC Guide Dog Services and Pacific Assistance Guide Dogs

And many, many more!



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Why the Rotary Foundation is the best steward for money.

Global grants: success by design

20 projects to inspire and motivate your club. Plus, advice from the Rotarians who helped bring those projects to life.

Where polio hides

The discovery of the poliovirus in Nigeria shocked eradication efforts. How do we ensure the world is truly polio-free

The Rotarian Conversation with Jonathan Patz

The link between climate change and disease.

Up front

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- Q & A: Charlotte Ahlberg on the club of the future
- Breaking the cycle of slavery

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ROTARY NEWS
May 2017

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COMING EVENTS

4 - 7 MAY 2017

DISTRICT 5050 CONFERENCE

"MAKE IT HAPPEN"

**At Seattle Marriott
Waterfront Hotel.**

Further details and registration
can be found [here](#)
Activities have been added on
Thursday evening and Friday
morning.



May 13, 2017 at 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM DISTRICT LEADERSHIP SESSION

Silver Reef Resort & Casino
Haxton Way at Slater Road
I-5 Exit 260 4 Min. West
Ferndale, WA



MAY 25 - 28, 2017

Mt. Baker Bibleway Camp Deming, WA

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



District 5050 Conference 2018

Conference on the Cruise

from Thursday May 10 to Saturday May 12, 2018

Bring along your family

Return home for Mother's Day

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

JUNE 10 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017

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

Bill & Melinda Gates also will be joining us in Atlanta

PRESIDENTIAL PEACE CONFERENCES 2017

9 - 10 JUNE, 2017

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

10 - 14 JUNE, 2017

@ RI Convention 2017 Atlanta, Georgia

ZONES 24/32 INSTITUTE IN HARTFORD, CT

19-21 OCTOBER, 2017

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

This year, for the first time, club members and club Presidents
– not just those in the District Governor string or Past District
Governors – will be invited to attend the Institute on Friday
afternoon, October 20, and to stay connected via breakout
sessions (including one on conflict resolution)

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

ZONE INSTITUTE 2018, MONTREAL

20-22 SEPTEMBER, 2018

SAVE THE DATE!



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



**13
MAY**

**PORT COQUITLAM
CENTENNIAL
Rotary May
Day Parade**

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

**02
MAY**

**EVERETT
100 years of doing
good in Everett and
around the world**

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017 5:30 - 7:00 PM

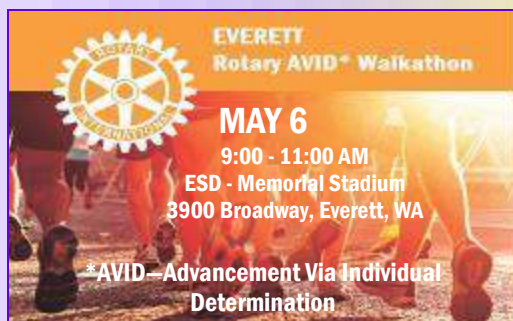
Northwest Corner of Hewitt & Wetmore Avenue
(in downtown Everett) in the parking lot behind
Union Bank, the site of the former Weiser's
Café where the club met 100 years ago

**TICKET
\$30
1917 DRESS
OPTIONAL**

**22
MAY**

**EVERETT
7th annual SASSY
Awards Presentation**

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Everett Public Schools Community Re-
source Center
38th & Broadway
Everett, WA



**EVERETT
Rotary AVID* Walkathon**

MAY 6

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

*AVID—Advancement Via Individual
Determination

**03
JUN**

**SOUTH SURREY
Shred-A-Thon**

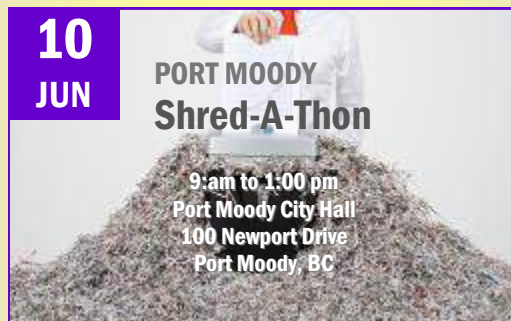


**Paper
taking over
your life?
SHRED IT!**

**10
JUN**

**PORT MOODY
Shred-A-Thon**

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



**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 NOW!

**7
JUL**

LANGLEY CENTRAL

**Tip'n
Taste**

20+ Beer
& Beverage
Suppliers &
7+ Food Suppliers

**\$35
per ticket**

**12
MAY**

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



**21
TO
23
JUL**

**PORT MOODY
RIBFEST**

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



*Changing of
Guards*

INSTALLATION NIGHTS

16 June

COQUITLAM

6:30 PM

Vancouver Golf Club

21 June

LANGLEY CENTRAL

6:00 tp 9:00 PM

Langley Golf Center

21550 44, Ave

Langley, BC

22 June

ARLINGTON

5:30 to 9:00 PM

Glen Eagle Country Club

7619 Country Club Drive

Arlington, WA

22 June

COQUITLAM SUNRISE

5:30 to 9:00 PM

Best Western Coquitlam on North road

319 North Road

Coquitlam, BC V3K 3V8

29 June

PORT COQUITLAM CENTENNIAL

5:00 PM—8:00 PM

Michael Wright Gallery

The Gathering Place

2253 Leigh Square

Port Coquitlam, BC

09 July

DISTRICT 5050

GOVERNOR INSTALLATION

4:00 to 7:PM

Camp Alexandra

2916 McBride Avenue

Crescent Beach, BC

Celebrate the Rotary Family

