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Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

District Governor Lindagene Coyle



Have you ever wondered what the 'Plus' in PolioPlus meant? In researching this question I came across a June 2017 article in a regional Rotary magazine, **Rotary News**. *What is the Plus in PolioPlus?* was written by Dr. T Jacob John, Past President of the Rotary Club of Vellore, and virologist who specialized in pediatric infectious diseases.

The article gives an overview of how the polio eradication program developed and how it has been expanded to include protection against not only polio, but many vaccine-preventable diseases such as diphtheria, measles, whooping cough, etc. Children protected from polio paralysis are still dying, though less frequently than earlier, of diphtheria, whooping cough, measles, and several other diseases that are vaccine-preventable.

Not wanting children protected from polio paralysis dying of diphtheria, measles or whooping cough — all vaccine-preventable, the Polio committee was renamed “PolioPlus Committee” and the global Rotary Centenary Project was known as ‘PolioPlus’. The Plus indicated Rotary’s support for protecting children against all vaccine-preventable diseases.

The Plus in PolioPlus is a broad agenda. Immunizations can improve education and social development. Disease prevention allows better school attendance and scholastic performance leading to better employability and higher incomes. In addition, families will not have unnecessary healthcare costs of sick children with vaccine-preventable diseases.

Read the full article: what-is-the-plus-in-polioplus

Our condolences to PDG Dave Robinson on the recent loss of his wife Bev. Bev was an active Rotarian in the Cloverdale Rotary Club for many years before moving to Chilliwack and was active in community and church activities. Bev and Dave travelled extensively for Rotary, fulfilling his Rotary duties. Bev had a smile that would light up a room. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.



**The
Peace Arch Journal**
Lindagene Coyle
District Governor

This monthly publication is a service to District Club Officers and members. It is intended as a source of news and opinion from **throughout the district**.

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

Please send articles and news with or without pictures attached to emails. Photographs are always a plus! Note that the editor appreciates conservation of space in order to meet the sender's needs and the editor's time.

The deadline is the 20th of the month.

Address any and all information to the *Peace Arch Journal* Editor.

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**ROTARY:
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DIFFERENCE**

District 5050's Annual Conference



The 2018 District Conference is certain to be memorable with inspirational speakers, celebrations of the successes of the year and honoring our clubs and Rotarians.

**Contact Valerie Tibbetts,
360 299 9390, for information on
booking the Conference. There is limited
availability, so call today.**

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District 5050 Annual Foundation Dinner

by Jack Rae, Special to the Journal

Photos by Gary O’Rielly

The 2017 Foundation Dinner was held at Newlands Golf and Country Club in Langley, BC on Saturday 18 November. The theme of the event was “Rotary takes ordinary men and gives them extraordinary opportunities to do more with their lives than they ever dreamed possible” (Acceptance Address, 1977 Rotary Convention. San Francisco, California, USA). If given today, and on this occasion the speech would have read “ordinary men and women.” Rotarian women were in the forefront in this function – District Foundation Chair PDG Jane Helten, current DG Lindagene Coyle, DGE Linda Murray, along with many others who worked hard to ensure the success and enjoyment of this event and continuing good functioning of the District. Jane acknowledged them in her closing remarks.

Following a most enjoyable buffet dinner, Jane presented awards to various Clubs for their achievements in Foundation related activities. This was followed by reports on Annual Giving by Steve Morach (see article on Page 6), Polio Plus by David Truman, Endowment Fund by video from Rick Bolduc and a most interesting polio fundraising activity by Lee Harman – a 10,000 Mile, 36 day Trek in an 86 year old car called Miss Vicky (see missvicky4polioplus.com).



L- R: Steve Richardson, Langley; Alexis Eagles, Abbotsford-Matsqui; Tom MacMillan, Abbotsford-Sumas; Michael Poznanski, Port Moody; Steve Morach, Stanwood-Camano; Elspeth Bowers, Mission Morning; and, Bonnie Sutherland, North Delta.

District 5050 Annual Foundation Dinner continued



PDG Bill Robson & Lee Harman with Miss Vicky, 1931 Model A Ford



The featured speaker was Rotarian Bryn Styles (left), Past Foundation Trustee, Past Zone Director, Past District Governor and current Publicity Chair for the 2018 RI Convention in Toronto. Bryn provided updates on the status of the Foundation and the successes but, ongoing struggle to eradicate polio; entertaining, informative and inspirational. And, of course, he put in a plug for the Toronto Convention.

The final event of the evening was the drawing for baskets of wine, of coffee, of surprises donated by District Clubs as fundraisers for Polio Plus.

Over \$20,000 was raised at the dinner for PolioPlus (\$10,000+), TRF (\$7,660) and the Raffle (\$2,356). Thank you!

An evening of Rotary fellowship enjoyed by 131 members and guests.

District 5050 2016-2017 Foundation Recognition

	Annual Fund per Capita	100% TRF Giving	EREY Club
Stanwood-Camano	\$571.43	TRF Giving	EREY
Langley	\$475.62	TRF Giving	EREY
North Delta	\$436.90	TRF Giving	
Abbotsford-Matsqui		TRF Giving	EREY
Abbotsford-Sumas		TRF Giving	EREY
Mission		TRF Giving	EREY
Monroe		TRF Giving	EREY
Mount Baker		TRF Giving	EREY
Port Coquitlam Centennial		TRF Giving	EREY
Port Moody		TRF Giving	EREY

Rotary District 5050 Calendar

For updates refer to Events on the [District Home Page](#)

2017

Dec 24 Christmas Eve
 Dec 25 Christmas
 Dec 26 Boxing Day

2018

Jan 1 New Year's Day
 Jan 20 [Grants Seminar](#) Rotary Field House Surrey, BC
 Feb 2-4 [YAIL](#) Surrey, BC
 Feb 3 [Grants Seminar](#) Silver Reef — Ferndale, WA
 Feb 9-11 [Presidential Peace Conference](#) — Vancouver, BC
 Feb 23-25 [PNWPETS](#) Doubletree Inn — SeaTac, WA
 Mar 10 RLI Surrey, BC
 Apr 7 **District Training Seminar**
 Kwantlen Polytechnic University
 12666 72nd Ave, Surrey, BC
 Apr 21 Leadership Training—More Information TBA

District 5050 Foundation Report

Steve Morach, District Foundation Annual Giving Chair

As of November 19, 2017, District 5050 contributed the following amounts to the Rotary Foundation (July 1—Nov 19):

Annual Giving: \$104,977.43
(\$41.81 per capita)

PolioPlus: \$ 45,745.44

Endowment: \$ 2,650.00

Other Funds: \$ 10,850.09

Total combined giving: \$164,222.96

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

1	La Conner	WA	\$183.52
2	South Whidbey	WA	\$159.09
3	Stanwood Camano	WA	\$154.11
4	White Rock	BC	\$153.62
5	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	\$149.68
6	Langley	WA	\$143.49
7	Whidbey Westside	WA	\$142.86
8	North Delta	BC	\$117.88
9	Lake Stevens	WA	\$ 99.72
10	Fidalgo Island	WA	\$ 96.28

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

Meadow Ridge, BC \$196.15

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

If your Club needs help setting or recording goals, please contact myself or our District's Rotary Foundation team. We would be happy to help your Club in any area related to Rotary Foundation giving.

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



Your Foundation Dollars at Work

Karen Wienberg, *Speical to the Journal*

I am so happy to share a brief first hand report (more formal one to follow with updates on other Rotary-sponsored work underway) on the *exceptional* contribution the truck your Rotary Clubs provided for us is making! During these weeks I am able to work on the ground with our amazing and see the continued tremendous impacts and inroads of our work each day. THANK YOU SO, SO MUCH. I will be creating and posting our quarterly reports for our "UPDATES" section of our website and, as internet allows, I am also working on our Annual Report as our fiscal year ended 31 October. If you are on Facebook, please do pop on and have a look at the 'Album' that I am adding photos to regularly.

Just a couple of weeks ago, torrential rains and flooding hit Les Cayes. BECAUSE of the truck provided by your Rotary Clubs, we were able to reach children with dry clothing, blankets and snacks, as well as rescue others in more dire areas and bring them to safer ground. At one point, the flash floods were over the wheel wells of the truck!

On Tuesday, our housing construction team headed to the distant town of Jeremie (far southwest), where they (along with one of our drivers and our Engineer) will be for *at least a week*. They had to go in BOTH of our trucks in order to transport supplies (100 bags of cement, rebar, wheelbarrow, ladder, tools, etc.) and crew. The wonderful truck provided through your Rotary Clubs, had go all the way there AND all the way back in one go so that we would have that truck back here in Les Cayes for the multitude of regular daily tasks that truck is required for.

While the other truck is in Jeremie for a week to ten days, the truck you made possible is on the go *at least* 16 hours a day. We had our LFBS Doctors hold a Medical Clinic at one of the most impoverished communities in this area. They saw over 90 children. Then, over 60 children - and their parents - had to be transported to a lab to get various tests done (blood, urine, etc.) The Rotary truck made 6 trips TOTALLY LOADED with families, inside and out, back and forth. Because our driver ALSO had children to pick up from school, transport various supplies to places, etc. we could not do it all that day and will be returning.

Following that, the truck was busy for several more hours picking up youth now living with their parents to bring them to the Girls' and Boy's Safehouses to stay overnight so that they can attend a full day's training - hosted by LFBS and sponsored by Rotary - on STI and Family Planning which will be held today. That same training will be provided to our staff on Tuesday - these trainings are made possible through Rotary as well. We made the overloaded Girls House a fun evening - we played Pictionary, sang songs, made tiaras and watched a movie - we invited children of any staff that had girls as well :-)

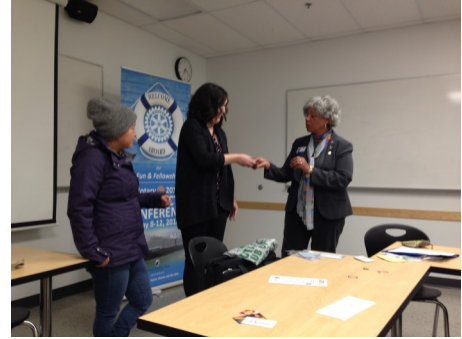
Karen Wienberg is Chair of the Board of Directors of Little Footprints Big Steps Child Protection Organization serving children in Haiti. Visit their [website](#) and [Facebook](#) site.



District Governor Visits

Rotaract Club Fraser Valley

On 2 November, District Governor Lindagene Coyle and the DG's aide, Pat Bond, joined the RCFV for their meeting. Lindagene presented to the Club, highlighting the upcoming District 5050 conference, this year's District priorities, and giving all members the chance to meet our District Governor. We also discussed our upcoming events and were able to fill Lindagene and Pat in on what our club has planned for the year, as well as received some valuable suggestions and ideas. This was a great opportunity for members to connect with Lindagene, gain a more District-based perspective on Rotaract and Rotary, and be inspired to continue to create change in our world. Governor Coyle presenting pins to Phoenix Maclaren and Elicia Peterson.



Rotary Club of Abbotsford

Rotary Club of Abbotsford President Stacey Irwin welcomed District Governor Lindagene Coyle to the Club's meeting 31 October. "Think of your involvement in Rotary and donations made to the Rotary Foundation as investing in a better world." This was the District Governor's salient challenge to a room filled with Rotarians, community partners, business leaders, and friends of Rotary. Following this, two cheque presentations were made to the Abbotsford Food Bank for the Abbotsford Starfish Pack Program.

Ron Kelly, Partner of Baker Newby Lawyers and fellow Abbotsford Rotarian shared this before presenting his cheque. "To honour Baker Newby's 80th anniversary of providing legal services to the communities of Abbotsford and Chilliwack, our partners decided to make a significant contribution back to those communities in a way that would benefit those in need and who is more in need of assistance than hungry children. As a result we decided to donate \$80,000 this year to the Starfish Backpack program - \$40,000 to the Abbotsford program and \$40,000 to the Chilliwack program. So, today's donation by the Rotary Club of Abbotsford of \$7,450 is being matched by an equal amount from Baker Newby. As this was a matching grant program that has been going on for several months now, I am pleased to announce that other donors in Abbotsford have collectively donated over \$40,000 to the Abbotsford Starfish Backpack program, and as such, Baker Newby is pleased to present matching funds to the Abbotsford Starfish Pack Program with a cheque totaling \$40,000."

Rotary Club of Abbotsford President Stacey Irwin, a passionate and caring community champion, was very pleased as she recognized the community partners and Rotarians who had helped to make Rotary's

cheque presentation possible. "This represents a combination of funds that were raised this year through our clubs participation in Foam Fest, the Big Truck Event at FraserGlen's Driving Range Grand Re-Opening, sponsorships made by Berryhill Foods and FraserGlen Golf Course, other community members, and the Abbotsford-Sumas Rotary Club. Wow, what a convergence of goodwill for such an amazing cause. It is days like this that I am so very proud to be part of this community and a local network of Rotarians who are making a difference!"





**Presidential Peacebuilding Conference
Environmental Sustainability & Peace
10 February 2018—Vancouver, BC**

The Presidential Conference on Environmental Sustainability and Peace is one of six international Peacebuilding Conferences planned for the 2017-2018 Rotary year and the only one in North America.

President Ian Riseley has made environmental sustainability a major focus for his year and we are honored to be one of the host Districts for his first Presidential Conference.

Registration is \$250 through 31 Dec. 1 Jan through 10 Feb, \$275 (non-refundable). All dollars are Canadian.

For complete information and registration visit the [event website](#).

Membership Memo

Rob Prosch, District Membership Chair

As we consider the impact of new membership in our Clubs, it is essential that we ensure experienced Rotarians are actively engaged in our Clubs and are willing to serve as mentors for our new Rotarians. It is vital that each Rotarian, especially Club Leadership, work hard to deliver experiences that keep members excited about Rotary.

Proven strategies to engage current members include:

1. Develop a system that recognizes members for their achievements.
2. Keep members involved with Club projects, social events, and other activities.
3. Encourage every member to participate in leadership roles—from committee membership to service as a Club Officer.
4. Develop regular communication in your Club that involves Rotarians of all ages—website, social media, bulletins, e-mail, etc.
5. Ask Club members for feedback regarding your Club. The Member Satisfaction Survey, Connect for Good, Strengthening Your Membership: Creating Your Membership Development Plan, Rotary Health Club Check, and Rotary Basics are among many Rotary resources available for Club use.

I encourage all Rotarians to visit MyRotary.org to review the many membership resources available to our Clubs. I visit the site frequently and did again to write this article! Rotary International has made the research easy—it just takes a bit of effort on our part.

As always, I am ready to assist any Rotarian and each club in their membership efforts. Please do not hesitate to [reach out to me](#).



The Gift of Mobility and the Spirit of Christmas

Ron Lewis, District 5050 Wheelchair Representative

As we get into the Christmas spirit, we spend a great deal of time thinking about our friends and loved ones and what might be just the perfect gift for them. Of course we are overwhelmed with lots of bright and shiny objects, all of which are quite appealing and it is very easy to get attracted - and distracted - by them. Perhaps there is another idea for a most meaningful gift that could not only be bright and shiny but also help change someone's life.

For the past few years, our Club and other Rotary Clubs in the Fraser Valley have helped to provide the gift of mobility to people in Guatemala. With the assistance of two Rotary Clubs in Guatemala, in February, we were privileged to deliver a container of 280 wheelchairs, including the 40,000th wheelchair through the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, to a recipient in Guatemala. We are about to embark on another wheelchair delivery to the Dominican Republic in early 2018. Several Rotary Clubs and many Rotarians in other communities have also distributed wheelchairs to young and old in many other developing countries.



For a gift of \$195 or more you can provide a wheelchair and the gift of mobility to a child or adult in need in a developing country. The Wheelchair Foundation will send a presentation folder describing your gift to the person on your Christmas list on your behalf. Please [check the website for additional information](#).



The gift of a wheelchair is a heart-warming experience for both recipient and donor. More important, however, is the life-changing impact for the recipient and his/her family and friends. Mobility provides the opportunity for a child to go to school; for a person to maintain a job; and simply allows an individual to maintain important social contacts within his/her community.

Please consider purchasing the Christmas gift that will go a very long way to making someone's life and the lives of those around them just a little bit better.

The Canadian Wheelchair Foundation is an independent registered charity that has been providing wheelchairs to people throughout the developing world since 2002.

Thank you for your consideration to helping to make the world a better place.

Rotary Fellowships

Rotary Fellowships are independent, social groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world.

Fellowships are open to Rotarians, family members, and program participants and alumni. You can contact a fellowship directly by using the information listed in the [Rotary Fellowships directory](#). Or, search the [discussion groups](#) to find Rotary and Rotaract members with similar interests.

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Rotary Club of Sonoma

Needs our help!

Due to the devastating wildfires this year, they are seeking help in raising funds to rebuild their community. Rick Bolduc, former District Grants Chair, is spearheading this campaign locally.

[Click here for more!](#)

FROM THE
EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome to the December 2017 edition of the *Peace Arch Journal*. In this issue there is a review of the Foundation Dinner and successes, an acknowledgement of the Clubs that are taking advantage of multiplying their donated dollars, a report from an organization supported by Rotarians of our District, an idea of a holiday gift, and a way to connect with Rotarians because of your hobbies and interests.

My goal as Editor is to maintain the mission of the *Journal*—promote communication, understanding, fellowship and fun beyond club meetings, in a manner complementary to shared efforts at placing ***Service Above Self***. Generally, you won't find things in the *Journal* that you can find in *The Rotarian* or on the Rotary International website. You may see references and links so that you can find out more information. You can also visit the [District website](#) for the most current District information.

I want to thank Bob Knight for his stewardship of the *Journal* for the past five months. Bob resumed his role with the *PAJ* when Mohan Mohanan became President of his Club. Thank you for your many years of service to Rotary, Bob, and especially to District 5050. On behalf of the readers of the *Journal*, we wish you and Pat many happy years of retirement.

A little bit about me. I joined Rotary in District 5030 in 2004. I wore the pin my maternal grandfather—whom I never met—had when he was a Rotarian in Detroit. I transferred to our District in 2008. I was already familiar with my home Club as they sponsor a Cub Scout Pack in our community. My sons were active in that Pack.

I was Editor at different times of monthly newsletters for different organizations I belonged to in the 1980's, 2000's and 2010's. I also publish my home Club's weekly newsletter through ClubRunner. I highly encourage Club's to use this feature as a way to keep your members, community connections and friends informed about your Club's doings. We have a great team at the District who can help your Club with this. You can [email me directly](#) and I will put you in touch with the right person.

I look forward to serving you in this new role. However, I can't do this alone. Your contributions will be a must in order for us to be successful. I'll have more about this in next month's *Journal*.

James