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100% Rotarian

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

How Rotarians Are Making a Difference

Through our service projects, peace fellowships, and scholarships, our members are taking action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Conflict and violence displace millions of people each year. Half of those killed in conflict are children, and 90 percent are civilians. We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

Improving quality of life. Rotary members founded the People for People Foundation, which has helped 10,000 families afford food, clothing, rent, utilities, medications, and other necessities.

Raising awareness of bullying. Rotaract clubs in the Philippines conduct antibullying campaigns in schools to teach children how to handle conflict peacefully from an early age.

Protecting domestic violence survivors and their families. The U.S. state of Louisiana has the fourth highest incidence of death caused by domestic violence. Local Rotary members met this issue by helping a shelter provide food, clothing, legal advocacy, and counseling to over 500 women in one year.

We wage peace

The Rotarian Action Group for Peace gives Rotary members resources and support to advance world peace and turn ambitious ideas into life-changing realities.

We support peace

With your help, our foundation can promote peace through projects and education.

The Presidential Peacebuilding Conference in Vancouver on 9–11 February will involve discussions and presentations of the theme Environmental Sustainability and Peace and will show Peace in Practice.

Submitted by Pat Bond, District Governor Aide, Rotary Club of North Delta

23 February—Rotary's Anniversary



**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 25th of the month.

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

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Presidential Peacebuilding Conferences

Rotary International has scheduled a series of six presidential peacebuilding conferences between February and June. These conferences will focus not on peace but on *Peacebuilding: We will share ways that we can work to build peace through the service of our Rotary Clubs and Districts. Five of the one-day conferences will illuminate the connections between peace and another area of focus. The first conference, in Vancouver, B.C., explored the link between peace and another sphere of great concern to us in Rotary: Environmental Sustainability. We have more on this in the next edition. You can view the full schedule and register at www.rotary.org/presidential-conferences.*

The goals are simple: to help Rotarians find new ways to advance peace through their service, to learn from experts, and to strengthen our abilities to build peace. It is my hope and belief that these conferences will help us move closer to a more peaceful world, through *Rotary: Making a Difference*.

RI President Ian H.S. Riseley will host the six presidential peacebuilding conferences in 2018 to explore the connection between peace and Rotary's five other [areas of focus](#) plus environmental sustainability. By focusing on the areas where Rotary does its most significant work, the series seeks to:

- Elevate Rotary's status as a global leader in each area of focus
- Demonstrate The Rotary Foundation's impact on our causes
- Educate and inspire participants to increase their Rotary service
- Provide an opportunity for members and non-members to explore project partnerships

Share Your Club Successes

All Clubs with members attending the 2018 District Conference are invited to present a breakout session. These 60 minute sessions will be interactive, and include ample time for attendee questions and input. Sessions will give a club an opportunity to share a successful initiative, program or project with other Rotarians in the District.

Topics may focus on:

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| • Membership Initiative | • Partnership |
| • Promoting Rotary | • Mentorship |
| • Increasing Club's Community Profile | • Youth |
| • Local Service / Projects | • Meeting Flexibility |
| • International Service / Projects | • Or ???? |
| • Fundraiser | |
| • Engagement / Fellowship | |



To request a proposal contact [Maureen Boyd](#). The proposals must be received by February 15th!

Welcome Aboard Conference Speakers

President's Representative PDG Shirley Grace District 5230 District Governor 2012-13



Shirley is a member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Fresno which she joined in March of 2001. She served on its Board for three years as Director of Vocational Service and Club Service and has enjoyed numerous committee assignments over the years. Shirley served as President of the Rotary Club of Fresno in 2008-09 and was honored when both the Club and she were recognized at the District Conference as the Outstanding Large Club and Large Club President of the Year. Shirley served as District 5230 Governor in 2012-13 and

continues to remain busy with Rotary service today. Shirley's passion is rooted in community and international humanitarian projects and also serving at the District and Zone level of Rotary.

Paul Kingsman, MBE - Be Distraction Proof

As a speaker, author, and executive coach, Paul provides his audiences, readers, and clients with practical solutions to their everyday business challenges. He knows and teaches what works in the real world so advisors can take the actions needed to achieve and enjoy success instead of just talking about "getting there one day."

Paul regularly receives rave reviews for his engaging, entertaining presentation style. Audiences quickly connect with his applicable messages as they see he's one of them, with intimate understanding of the details of this industry and the first-hand experience enabling him to speak their language.



District Conference Memorials

At the Conference, we will be honouring District 5050 Rotarians that have passed away, but remain with us in spirit, since the 2017 Conference. Please send a head shot photo and a bio that includes information about family, Rotary induction date, Rotary positions, awards, profession, interests and additional facts. Please [send to Maureen Boyd](#) by 15 February 2018!

10,000 Mile Trek to End Polio



It is our pleasure to introduce you to Miss Vicky. She's a plucky old 1931 Ford Victoria with plenty of life left in her. Miss Vicky is unique because so few of these models were made, and even fewer are ready for a 10,000 mile trek! It's been our dream to take Miss Vicky on [The Peking to Paris Motor Challenge](#) for a long time and we are honored to be partnering with Rotary's PolioPlus to use this as an opportunity to raise awareness about [the fight to end polio](#).

We know this is a lot to ask of a car that's so old. We are doing it to prove a point. The journey to eliminate polio has been rough and yet, we continue.

This 86-year-old car is going to trek 10,000 miles in 36 days (summer 2019) to help put an end to polio. These are not easy miles either. It's through some of the harshest country known to man. **Starting in Beijing, China, [the journey](#)** will take this, and 99 other vintage cars, over treacherous mountains and across blistering hot deserts, **all the way to Paris, France.**

We are doing it to prove a point: **While the journey to eliminate polio has been rough, the end is in sight.** Even though there are still plenty of miles left to go, [with your help, we will succeed!](#) Help Lee Harman (Rotary Club of Arlington) and Bill Ward complete the Challenge!

Rotary Club of Surrey-Guildford



At a recent Club meeting, Cenovus Employee Foundation (Cenovus Energy), Calgary, Alberta donated \$15,000 to [Canadian Eyesight Global](#) which is supported by the Rotary Club of Surrey-Guildford. Pictured left to right Garry Sass, Club President Norman Gluck, Lynn Spence, John Weiss, Dianna Sears, Anup Singh Jubbal– President Canadian Eyesight Global, Charlie Molnar and Art Claxton.

If a Club in our District is interested in sponsoring an eye camp in India, contact Club Member [Anup Jubbal](#) or at 604 582 0579.

Rotary Club of Haney

Club Members were all smiles as they accepted a \$5,000 cheque from Rick Howard of the Founders Club Golf Tournament as their reward for the Club's annual support of the tournament. The funds will be used to support the Rotary Club of Haney Lunch Bag Program. Since 1995 the Club has received over \$275,000 from their participation in the Founders Cup.



Rotary Club of Skagit

The *Peace Arch Journal* went on the road last month and visited some Clubs. The Rotary Club of Skagit is a fun and engaging group. They have 30 members with 100% attendance this year. Their International Service includes projects in Guatemala. They hold a fundraising auction in late January and it was sold out long before the event! The members raised almost \$35,000 in sponsorship for The 2018 Seafood and Wild Game Dinner & Auction. They had raised close to \$35,000 in sponsorships. One of their Community Service activities is to adopt a family for the entire year. We had a great visit!



President Ron Horne addresses the members during the meeting.

Rotary Club of Stanwood-Camano

President Terry Greer addresses the members of the Club prior to the program. This is also a great group and it's obvious they also have a lot of fun. Another example of Rotarians helping their community.



Rotary Club of Arlington

On 25 January 2018 the Rotary Club of Arlington honored four outstanding Students of the Month from Arlington schools. Each student received a certificate for a \$50 donation to a non-profit of their choice. Pictured left to right Rotarian and Arlington Superintendent of Schools Dr. Chryst Sweeting as she presented certificates to Necko J., Matthew R., Quinton Y., and, Peyton B. Club President Jola Barnett is also pictured.

Nekco attends Weston High School and was nominated by Mr Nelson, the Principal. Mr. Nelson had this to say: Nekco is an outstanding student at Weston High School who embodies the qualities of a true leader. She is kind to everyone she meets. Nekco works collaboratively in groups on projects and her critical thinking skills are key to class discussions and problem solving. Because she is such a reliable person, she is often seen working on bulletin boards and helping staff and students throughout the common area at school. Nekco is a facilitator for Restorative Justice practices in which she works to help her fellow students resolve conflicts. Upon graduating at the end of semester (a few days from now), Nekco will be participating in Everett Community College's Machining program at the Weston High School campus. She has been a shining star at our school and a joy to be around. Nekco's Charity is NOAH (Northwest Organization for Animal Help).

Matthew attends Post Middle School and was nominated by Mrs. Gallanger, and ERC teacher. Mrs. Gallanger has this to say: Matthew displays a positive attitude by graciously accepting feedback and making efforts to improve, which is evident by his academic progress. He is an excellent role model in class, following procedures, listening and paying attention to others, and trying his best. He always cooperates well with both peers and adults. When he notices other students having a hard time, he invariably provides encouragement and support. Matthew is truly a delightful student to have in class. Matthew's charity is the Arlington Food Bank.

Quintin attends Haller Middle School and was nominated by Mr. Rice, his Science teacher. Mr. Rice had this to say: Quintin is a leader in my Science class. He is always a mentor to those around him, helping them understand the concepts we are learning. He sets a positive tone and is calming and helpful to those that struggle. He has been one of my favorite students and I feel honored to teach such a wonderful and talented student who is mature beyond his years. In addition to being a straight A student he is a leader in our schools ASB. He is also a star athlete for our school in basketball, and finds time to be on three different club football teams. With all of these extra-curricular activities, he still stays on top of all his assignments and material in class. He's a great kid! Quintin's charity is the American Indian College Fund.

Peyton attends Arlington High School and was nominated by Mr. Roys, the Athletic Director. Mr. Roys has this to say: Peyton is one of many outstanding students at the school. In addition to her leadership abilities, she is an excellent student sporting a 3.864 GPA. She is simply the best role model a school could hope for to have for its current and future athletes. Peyton's charity is the American Cancer Society.



District 5050 Foundation Report

Steve Morach, District Foundation Annual Giving Chair

As of January 18, 2018, District 5050 contributed the following amounts to the Rotary Foundation (1 July—18 Jan):

Annual Giving: \$253,149.16
(\$100.82 per capita)
PolioPlus: \$ 85,357.43
Endowment: \$ 27,212.00
Other Funds: \$ 14,850.09
Total combined giving: \$380,568.68

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

Meadow Ridge, BC \$235.22
Mission, BC \$199.84
Coquitlam, BC \$120.00
Langley, BC \$118.87
San Juan Island, WA \$118.00

(all shown in US dollars)

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 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](#).

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

1	Abbotsford Sumas	BC	\$285.54
2	Abbotsford	BC	\$276.35
3	Stanwood/Camano	WA	\$250.22
4	Langley	WA	\$247.13
5	Fidalgo Island	WA	\$222.55
6	White Rock	BC	\$215.44
7	Semiahmoo	BC	\$209.93
8	Coquitlam Sunrise	BC	\$203.19
9	North Delta	BC	\$196.11
10	Arlington	WA	\$195.81
11	Surrey	BC	\$193.68
12	South Surrey	BC	\$126.30
13	La Conner	WA	\$187.10
14	Whidbey Westside	WA	\$174.46
15	Chilliwack	BC	\$172.00
16	South Whidbey	WA	\$159.09
17	Everett	WA	\$155.95
18	Burlington	WA	\$154.67
19	Bellingham	WA	\$134.89
20	San Juan Island	WA	\$130.26
21	Mission	BC	\$123.81
22	Port Moody	BC	\$111.29
23	Lake Stevens	WA	\$110.34
24	Meadow Ridge	BC	\$103.81
25	White Rock Peninsula	BC	\$103.74
26	Port Coquitlam	BC	\$100.92



Our District does a great job of funding local and global projects. Our grant program is our mechanism for facilitating and completing these worthy efforts.

Attendance at our annual Grants Training seminar has been excellent and the knowledge gleaned from these sessions assists all Clubs to participate in the funding of their specific projects. This year we awarded \$89,022 in District Grants to 17 Clubs.

The District had \$225,958 to apply to Global Grants. \$120,000 of those funds are currently earmarked for pending projects. Of the remaining balance of \$105,958, \$40,000 is expected to be requested for Global Grants presently under consideration. This will leave us with approximately \$65,000 for the remainder of the year for grant requests. Global Grants can be requested any time during the year.

Congratulations to all of you on the worthy projects your Clubs have under way and in the review process this year. We love giving out ALL the money in our DDF account every year.



For questions or more information about the various grant programs or the Foundation contact

[PDG Jane Helten, District Foundation Chair.](#)



Are you following District 5050 on [Facebook](#)?

Did you know that there's a Facebook site called [Being Rotarian](#)?

Rotary Leadership Institute



The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a series of fast paced, interactive, one day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. Course are fun, topical and geared toward busy business, professional and community leaders who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation, in their Rotary Club and be more knowledgeable Rotarians..

You must complete the series of courses in order. The cost to attend the March session is CDN\$60 provided you register on or before 2 March 2018. From 3 March to 7 March the fee is CDN\$70. There isn't any registration after 7 March. Click the links below to register for a specific course.

A manual will be provided to you which will serve through all parts of the RLI program. Lunch is also provided! If you dietary concerns, please indicate in the comments section of the registration page.

In our District, the courses alternate between a venue in British Columbia and a venue in Washington. The Washington sessions are usually held in the fall.

Rotary District 5050 Calendar

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

2018

Feb 9-11 [Presidential Peace Conference](#) —Vancouver, BC

Feb 23-25 [PNWPETS](#) Doubletree Inn — SeaTac, WA

Mar 10 [RLI - Level 1](#) Surrey, BC

[RLI - Level 2](#)

[RLI - Level 3](#)

Apr 7 **District Training Seminar**
Kwantlen Polytechnic University
12666 72nd Ave, Surrey, BC

Apr 21 Leadership Training—More Information TBA

May 8-12 [District Conference](#)

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This is the February 2018 issue of the *Peace Arch Journal*. Find out about the featured speakers at this year's District Conference. The Conference wants to honour Rotarians that we've lost during the past twelve months. See Page 4 for more about this.

Keep the information about your Club activities, honors, etc. coming. There are over 50 Clubs in our District. My Inbox should be overflowing! Find out what's been happening with some of our Members and Clubs on Pages 5 through 8.

The Rotary Leadership Institute is coming up next month. Have you signed up yet? It is well worth participating in these seminars. And, you get to meet great people from throughout the District!

Make sure to read the Foundation report on Page 9. As a District we have contributed over a quarter million dollars (US) to the Foundation! And, we have five plus months to go this Rotary Year. Have you made a contribution? It is well worth it.

I have moved the deadline each month back to the 25th. If there's something pressing that might be of value to be published in the following month's edition, you can send it after the 25th, but, there's no guarantee that it will make it into the following month's issue. It would help if you could provide some advance notice in cases like this. My email address is on Page 2.

Yours in Rotary,

James



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