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50% Canadian,
100% Rotarian

March is Water & Sanitation Month

Water is one of the most **important** substances on earth. **All plants and animals must have water to survive.** Without water there would be no life on earth. Clean, safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene are critical to health and a priority of Rotary International.

More than 2.5 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. At least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water. Rotary projects give communities the ability to develop sustainable water and sanitation systems and support studies related to water and sanitation.



As one of the Rotary's Areas of Focus the Rotary Foundation funds projects that

- Strengthen the ability of communities to develop, fund, and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems.
- Provide equitable community access to safe water, improved sanitation, and hygiene.
- Support programs that enhance communities' awareness of the benefits of safe water, sanitation, and hygiene.
- Support career-minded professionals' studies related to water and sanitation.
- Create tools and resources that facilitate, measure, and enhance high-quality water and sanitation projects worldwide.

\$24 is all it takes to provide one person with safe water

23 million people now have safe water because of Rotary

21 million people have access to sanitation and hygiene thanks to Rotary projects

2030 is the year Rotary hopes to finish providing everyone with safe water, sanitation, and hygiene

For more information go to Rotary.org

- **Rotary Showcase** to learn how Rotarians are bringing clean water to the world
- Find a project to support on **Rotary Ideas**
- Join WASRAG | Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group www.wasrag.org
- **WASH** – Water And Sanitation, Hygiene programs promoted in schools



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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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ROTARY:
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The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is a truly exciting opportunity for young adults, between 18 and 30, to participate in a four day, leadership camp with like-minded individuals where you will form lasting relationships, hear from professional speakers, develop as a leader, grow as a person and have fun—at no cost to you!

RYLA 2018 takes place 24 May to 27 May 2018 at a large retreat in Washington State offering a fully equipped facility with dorms, presentation rooms, spectacular meals, spacious grounds and magnificent views of Mt. Baker.

If you are interested in attending you can be sponsored and paid for by Rotary. If you know a member of your local Rotary Club give them a call and express your interest in attending RYLA. If you do not know of anyone, contact us and we'll do our best to find you a sponsoring Club.

For more information and registration, visit the RYLA District 5050 website.

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Welcome Aboard Conference Update

Only weeks away before we sail away on the MS Eurodam.

You might still get onboard!

Holland America may have limited space available and it will be at their rate. If you wish to join the Conference please be prepared to give full passport/ID name, date of birth, address, phone, passport number and expiration date, and emergency name, address and phone number. Full payment will be needed at time of booking and is subject to cancellation penalties. Contact Val at 360 299 9390.

Some Rotarians booked the cruise directly with Holland America. If that is you, please contact Val to register for the conference. You may be on the ship, but you will need to register for the Conference to enter the sessions and get the perks.

We are pleased with the scheduled breakout sessions. Four clubs will share their success with hands on projects, membership growth, a no cost fundraiser and responding to disasters. In addition, our two keynote speakers Olympian Paul Kingsman and the notable Shirley Grace will offer breakout sessions.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you on board. There are planned activities and opportunities to win prizes.

More information to come.

What is World Water Day?

World Water is fast approaching! Your Club and District can help celebrate World Water Day. It focuses on the approximately 1.8 billion people worldwide who must rely on water contaminated with feces, putting them at risk of contracting cholera, dysentery, typhoid, polio and other waterborne diseases.

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals, launched in 2015, include a target to ensure everyone has access to safe water by 2030, making water a key issue in the fight to eradicate extreme poverty. In 1993, the UN General Assembly designated 22 March as World Water Day. It is now a globally recognized event.

District Awards

The following will be awarded at the District Conference May 8 - 12, 2018.

The submission deadline is 2 APRIL, please send to [Bill Robson](#)

Rookie Of The Year

- Awarded to a first year Rotarian in District 5050 who embraces the ideals of Rotary by making a significant service contribution to their Club and/or the District and who joined Rotary within the past eighteen months.

International Project Award

- Awarded to the best international project completed by 1 April 2018. Awards to be given to small, medium, large and multi-Club projects.

Rotary Public Image Award

- this new award recognizes Clubs which "tell the Rotary story," with an emphasis on promotion in all of its aspects. Awards will be given to small, medium, large and multi-club projects.

White Rock Award

- Awarded to a Club with the highest attendance at the District Conference.

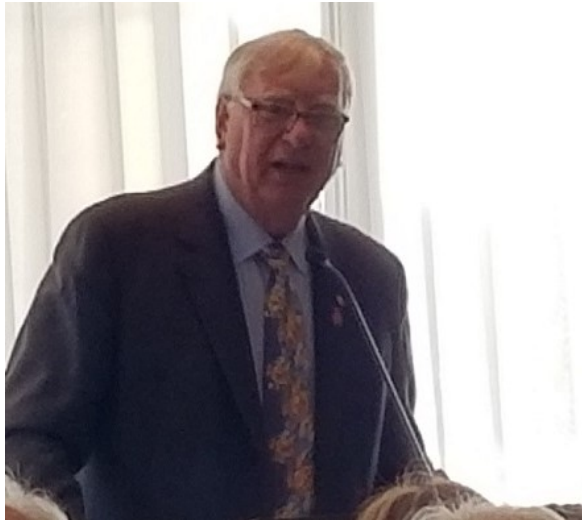
Ron Goldfinch Most Valuable Rotarian

- Awarded by the District Governor to a Rotary member or members who exemplify Service Above Self.



New Westminster 90th Anniversary

The Rotary Club of New Westminster celebrated their 90th Anniversary on 11 February with a luncheon highlighted by a presentation from Rotary International President Ian Riseley. The Club sponsored three District 5050 Clubs over the years: Chilliwack in 1934, White Rock in 1955 and, Coquitlam in 1967. New Westminster was organized 12 March 1928 and chartered 16 May 1928 with 28 members. Their sponsoring Club was Rupert. There have been six District Governors for District 5040 from this Club.



President Riseley had come from a tree planting which is part of his global initiative. This particular seedling was from the Hiroshima Tree, a Yamaki Pine that survived the atomic bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima. Riseley shared a story about this initiative in Romania. His goal is to have every Rotarian plant a tree during his year. That means that 1.2 million trees will be planted worldwide. Someone in Romania had heard about this and when the Rotarians had arrived at a planting session somewhere in Romania, the local folks thought that they were supposed to plant 1.2 million trees there.

He shared how Rotary got involved with the eradication of polio campaign. In 1979, six million children in the Philippines were vaccinated. This led to Rotarians taking the project on globally. Since the beginning, \$1.6 billion in US dollars has been donated by Rotarians and an additional \$7-8 billion more has been donated by others. The reason this has been so successful is because there are Rotarians on the ground advocating for this.



DG Coyle and RI VP Dean Rohrs present RI President Riseley with a *Pioneer of Rotary* plaque.



PDG Denis Boyd, RI President Riseley, Kathleen Ross, Juliette Riseley, Maureen Boyd, Terry Colton.

PNW Passport Club Charter Celebration

by Dal Sanders

On Saturday, 3 March 2018 in Bellingham, WA at Northwood Hall, District 5050 celebrated the rise of a new kind of Rotary Club. A flexible Club for the busy community leader with limited time for meetings. Joined by approximately 70 Rotarians (new and old), friends of Rotary, and spouses of Rotarians, members celebrated the night in style. Good food and free flowing conversation allowed for several connections between guests, and even reuniting old friends.

The energy was palpable as members became acquainted and excitement grew over the possibilities of the new Club. Everyone in the room shared an interest in the roots of the Passport Club and had high hopes for the newly chartered Club. The Pacific Northwest (PNW) Passport Club is the 9th Passport Club, allowing those who believe in the ideals of Rotary to "do it their way," according to District Governor Lindagene Coyle.



Full of hope, as new and old Rotarians gathered together to welcome PDG Glenn Fong, District 5130, and RI Vice President Dean Rohrs as honoured guests, the festivities began in good company. The PNW Passport Club inducted Glenn and Elise Fong as its first two honorary members. The Club welcomed 38 charter members with enthusiasm, and announced it continues to receive new applications daily. The unique privilege of being installed by the current RI Vice President was not lost on members, reveling in the fellowship Rotary is known for. VP Rohrs reminded everyone that "as children we benefitted from parks and other projects completed by adults that never used them. As Rotarians you will build parks and other projects that you will never use."

Governor Coyle gave the background on the how the Passport Club came to be. She shared that PDG Sean Hogan approached the District about four years ago with the idea of a "Passport" Club. He had met with Glenn Fong at a Rotary event in California. PDG Fong had started such a Club in his District. Glenn told the gathering that feedback from a focus group that this kind of Club should not be a "brick and mortar" type Club. The "Passport" name was his idea. He wanted to appeal to those inside and outside of Rotary. Of the nine Passport Clubs formed so far, roughly one third of the members are new to Rotary. Glenn stated that "everyone here is an ambassador for this concept." He closed with these admonitions: "Grow with it!" and "Have fun with it!"



[PNW Passport Club](#)

For more information

pnwpassportrotary@gmail.com

Passport Club Celebration *continued*



As the night came to an end, Club President Sean Hogan introduced members to ARES Education Solutions, providing access to technology to educate children in Kenya. ARES is a result of two non-profit agencies working together. [Contact ARES for more information.](#)

Newly inducted members were encouraged to visit local Clubs to find out more about other service projects and were also encouraged to contact Pati Villhauer, Engagement (Membership) Committee Chair and Julie Johansen, Outreach (Service) Committee Chair. Lining up, new members solidified their commitment to the ideals of Rotary and service above self. While the Club may be new,

a forward thinking and groundbreaking membership is determined to make a lasting impact, building on Glenn Fong's legacy of innovation. Off to a strong start, Rotary members from other Clubs are on the look out to see what's next for the new members of PNW Passport Club. There will be an app that District 5050 Clubs can use to promote their own events and activities.

James Monroe also contributed to this article.



Charter Members of District 5050 PNW Passport Club



The Traveling Peace Arch

This is not a myth; it really exists somewhere in our District. Will someone let your Editor know (in secret) where it is, and what the Club is planning to do with the thing? The Club that has it must travel somewhere in the district, descend on a Rotary Club Meeting, and present the Arch.

We're Still Looking for this!

Rotary Club of La Connor

When Dolly Parton presented her 100 millionth book to the Library of Congress 28 Feb, members of the Rotary Club of La Conner were able to take pride in helping achieve that number through their participation in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

The Club signed on to the Imagination Library in 2012 when Connie Milliken, who coordinates our Club's participation, was President. Bobbie Krebs McMullin, the first coordinator, did a fantastic job of setting up the program and getting children enrolled. Since then, our Club has donated more than 3,800 books to children from birth through five years of age residing in the La Conner School District.



"The Rotary Club of La Conner is passionate about literacy, and the best way to inspire literacy in children is to instill a love of books right from the beginning." Milliken said.

The Club budgets funds each year to pay for the books and registers children with the Imagination Library, which then mails books to them. Because of budget limitations, the Club restricts participation to children living within the La Conner School District boundaries. The program may expand to include children in neighboring school districts if increased donations are available. Visit the [Dolly Parton imagination Library](#) to learn more.

Upcoming Club Events

Area J—Tree Planting	April 21
Aldergrove—Lobsterfest	April 28
Coquitlam—Sports Dinner Fundraiser	April 4
Everett-Port Gardner—American Classic Car Raffle	ends Oct 4, 2018
Haney—Family Skate	March 25
Haney—Winefest	April 28
Haney—Golf Tournament	May 23
Lake Stevens—Corks & Kegs Fundraiser	April 14
Langley Sunrise & Abbotsford Sumas—Strawberry Sale	through early June
Meadow Ridge—WineFest	April 28
Port Moody—Search for the Perfect Pint	May 10
Oak Harbor—Luck O'The Irish	March 17
Semiahmoo (White Rock) - Wine and Dine	April 11

Visit the specific Clubs for more information. Find them at the [District 5050 Clubs List](#).

Membership Matters

Rob Prosch, District Membership Chair

I had the opportunity last weekend to participate and present to our President-Elects at their PETS training. I was impressed and awed at the marvelous spirit of service that each of them exhibits and look forward to working with this wonderful group over the next Rotary year.

As I reflected with them on membership growth that the district has experienced up to this point in our Rotary year, I felt I must share some information with the whole district. When we began this Rotary year, the district had 2,512 members. We are currently at 2,586 members. Tremendous growth! This is only possible through the hard work and dedication of each of our clubs.

Great ideas have been shared at meetings with clubs and area membership seminars. Some of these are Increased social opportunities to invite guests, additional hands-on service projects, focusing on the club cause and ensuring our communities know about it. Clubs have been busy with retention efforts too. Mentoring programs for new members, recognizing sponsors, new member orientations, and better induction ceremonies are some of the great structures implemented to ensure that members stay with the club for the long term.

I believe most importantly, there is a growing sense of belonging and purposeful creation of opportunities for every member, veteran and new, to be involved in Rotary. This sense of belonging and caring is contagious and is catching throughout our district! May we all catch the spirit of sharing Rotary!

I cannot express my gratitude enough for the many individuals who have worked to create the newest Rotary Club, the Pacific Northwest Passport Club, created on the concepts of member flexibility and reduced cost. Additionally, we have welcomed two new Rotaract Clubs in Skagit and Snohomish Counties.

The future of our district and each of our clubs is bright and I look forward to the continued benefits of increased membership! As DG Lindagene says, "More Rotarians equals more Rotary!"



Rob Prosch recently visited the Rotary Club of Lake Stevens to talk about membership.



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

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

District 5050 Foundation Report

Steve Morach, District Foundation Annual Giving Chair

As of February 27, 2018, District 5050 contributed the following amounts to the Rotary Foundation (1 July—27 Feb):

Annual Giving: \$267,675.87
(\$106.60 per capita)

PolioPlus: \$ 92,277.20

Endowment: \$ 27,212.00

Other Funds: \$ 14,850.09

Total combined giving: \$402,015.16

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

Meadow Ridge, BC \$235.22

Mission, BC \$199.84

Coquitlam, BC \$120.00

San Juan Island, WA \$118.80

Langley, BC \$115.54

Monroe, WA \$101.52

(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	\$381.23
2	Abbotsford	BC	\$284.37
3	Stanwood/Camano	WA	\$264.48
4	Langley	WA	\$247.39
5	South Surrey	BC	\$233.66
6	Fidalgo Island	WA	\$232.11
7	Semiahmoo	BC	\$228.71
8	White Rock	BC	\$219.71
9	Coquitlam Sunrise	BC	\$210.27
10	North Delta	BC	\$198.31
11	Arlington	WA	\$196.96
12	Surrey	BC	\$193.68
13	La Conner	WA	\$191.26
14	Whidbey Westside	WA	\$184.11
15	Chilliwack	BC	\$175.40
16	Everett	WA	\$171.83
17	South Whidbey	WA	\$161.36
18	Burlington	WA	\$158.83
19	Bellingham	WA	\$138.25
20	San Juan Island	WA	\$135.76
21	Mission	BC	\$123.81
22	White Rock Peninsula	BC	\$103.74
23	Lake Stevens	WA	\$114.09
24	Port Moody	BC	\$112.70
25	Monroe	WA	\$106.97
26	Langley Central	BC	\$105.74
27	Meadow Ridge	BC	\$103.81
28	Port Coquitlam	BC	\$100.92

District Training Assembly

April 7, 2018 8 AM—3 PM Kwantlen Polytechnic University Surrey Campus

The [District Training Assembly](#) provides a great opportunity for every Club to learn about the best practices in operating a Rotary Club. Every Club is encouraged to send their incoming Officers and Directors, new members, and Rotarians who want to know more information on a wide range of Rotary topics. Registration will start at 8:00 and the program will begin at 8:30. Lunch is included in the registration fee.

All Rotary Members attending need to register for the [District Training Assembly](#), but are not required to pay during the registration process. To help speed up the check-in/registration the day of, we ask that each Club bring one check to cover all their attending members , organized by your President-Elect. Individual Members will just need to check in at our registration table. Cost to attend is US\$35/CDN\$45 per person. DO NOT PAY FOR PARKING AT THE METERS. PARKING PASSES ARE AVAILABLE WHEN YOU CHECK IN.

Sessions are informative, fun and interactive and are geared to newer Rotarians and also include specific sessions for our incoming club's executive. There will be sessions on local initiatives to some of our International efforts and will feature a Key Note Address from Sue Gerber, who serves as the World Polio Coordinator for the Gates Foundation (subject to her continued availability).

An Agenda with the different available sessions will be forwarded to all who have registered, the week prior to the assembly.

Important It is a District Policy that all of our Clubs are billed for five attendees, to our Assembly. So please organize a minimum of five people to attend on behalf of your Club. It is a good idea to have your incoming president and executive attend.

Rotary District 5050 Calendar

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

2018

Apr 7 [District Training Seminar](#)
Kwantlen Polytechnic University
12666 72nd Ave, Surrey, BC

Apr 28 Leadership Training—More Information TBA

May 8-12 [District Conference](#)

Cruise Seattle Departs & Returns to Seattle

May 24-27 [RYLA](#) at Mt. Baker Bibleway Camp, Deming, WA

May 28 Memorial Day UNITED STATES

Jun 23-27 [Rotary International Convention](#) — Toronto, Ontario





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**FROM THE
EDITOR'S DESK**

This is the March 2018 issue of the *Peace Arch Journal*. I want to apologize that last month's and now, this month's, issues are being published late. I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding. I generally do not like to do this, but, like you, I've been pretty busy of late. I anticipate that I should be back on a more timely schedule going forward.

We have an update on this year's District Conference (Page 3) as well as information about the District Training Assembly (Page 10).

Keep the information about your Club activities, honors, etc. coming. There are over 50 regular Clubs, Rotaract Clubs and Interact Clubs in our District. My Inbox should be overflowing! To help with this, Dal Sanders is joining our team as a reporter. She will be one of the folks covering the lower mainland of British Columbia. We'll formally introduce her next month. We would still like more people to join our group. If you are interested in writing occasional stories about your Club and neighboring Clubs, your communities and Club activities and events, please let me know.

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! Thank you Steve Morach for providing timely updates.

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

12-18 March World Rotaract Week

31 March Preregistration Discount ends
for RI Convention in Toronto