

The Peace Arch Journal

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50% American,
50% Canadian,
100% Rotarian

September is BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY Month

Basic Education and Literacy is one of Rotary's six areas of focus. Until 2013 Literacy month was in March each year. The theme month was moved to September in 2013 and now coincides with the focus on literacy undertaken by many organizations around the world.

Friday, September 8, 2017 is International Literacy Day

September 8 was declared *International Literacy Day* by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) on November 17, 1965. UNESCO estimated that in 2015 approximately 745 million people were not literate in their native tongue. and two thirds of that number were female. The organization wanted to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals, communities and societies. It is well documented that education is the key to overcoming poverty, improving economic development, decreasing infant and child mortality, and even promoting peace.

Rotary supports activities and training to improve education for all children and literacy for children and adults. TRF enables Rotarians to ensure that all people have sustainable access to basic education and literacy by:

1. Involving the community to support programs that strengthen the capacity of communities to provide basic education and literacy to all;
2. Increasing adult literacy in communities;
3. Working to reduce gender disparity in education;
4. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to basic education and literacy.

IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO HAVE FOCUS WITHOUT ACTION!

One club's actions:

The Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise joined forces with Douglas College to raise funds for student practicums and literacy projects in Uganda. They hold an annual Quiz Night with teams answering trivia questions. The seventh annual Quiz Night will be held March 1, 2018.



The club also maintains a Free Little Library in Coquitlam Town Centre Park next to the children's playground.

Share your literacy and basic education projects.

In September, post a description of your literacy projects on the District 5050 Facebook public group page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RotaryDISTRICT5050/>.



Facilitator/Visioning Seminars

September 16 & 30, 2017

See information on page 3.





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, including some reference to Rotary in the subject line. Note that the editor is not a professional journalist, and he 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:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Editor's Note: A Rotary Minute

Reflecting on this being Literacy month, I remembered visiting the Rotary Club of Mission AM and writing an article for the September 2007 PAJ.



Their tradition was for club members and D5050 Literacy Chair Rhian Piprell to begin each meeting by reading a picture book. This program included a new member induction, a Paul Harris Fellowship recognition, and a club assembly.

Recruiting for a new Editor

I will be leaving District 5050 to go to District 6970. When I became the PAJ editor for the first time in 2003, the Rotarians of our wonderful district were very patient as I learned. The experience has been incredible—I have met so many friends I would otherwise never have known.

Here is a picture I discovered that was taken for the PAJ during the charter celebration for the San Juan Rotary Club in October, 2003.



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Rod is seen leading a class during a RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) course.

PDG (2006-07) Rod Thomson

Leading two training programs in September

Rod has served as *The Voice* for recent District 5050 conferences and Pacific Northwest PETS (training for incoming Rotary club presidents).

He joined Rotary in 1984 as a member of the Rotary Club of Coquitlam. In 1997-98 he was president of the Rotary Club of Abbotsford and in 2002 led a Group Study Exchange to France. He has served on a number of district committees including public relations, youth exchange, foundation dinner, and district conferences. His early career was in publishing. He is chair of the 2018 district conference.

Saturday, September 16, 2017: Facilitators Training for Rotary and Life

This training is an overview of facilitation skills with a practice session based on Rotary Leadership Institute material. As follow-up, additional sessions will be specific to RLI and the Vision to Plan curriculum to prepare you for faculty and training appointments.

Saturday, September 30, 2017: Vision to Plan (V2P)

During this fast paced seminar, you will learn the "Why", "How" and "What" of creating SMART Goals from Strategic Initiatives defined by Rotary Clubs. You will master the skills necessary to move from a strategic vision to written SMART Goals that will then provide the foundation for Written Plans to make your projects happen. This seminar is for those interested in being facilitators and for those already in facilitator roles.

[Register for both of the above programs at www.district5050.org](http://www.district5050.org)

Terry Becker takes over as Coordinator of R.L.I.



She joined Rotary in 2006. She has held many club positions and assisted the District as AG and Communications Chair, as well as serving on PDG Denis Boyd's District conference committee. Last year she was a facilitator at Pacific Northwest PETS. Terry credits RLI as the place where she became a Rotarian after receiving insight into the power of Rotary.

RLI this year will have two offerings for all levels. These will be September 23, 2017, in Mt. Vernon at a new venue, and March 11, 2018, Surrey Central City at Surrey Golf Course. Registration for both can be done via www.district5050.org.

Terry encourages you to come on out and learn personal leadership and communication skills that you can use at your club or your job, along with what the Rotary Foundation can do and much more!

Youth Engaged in Service (YES):

High school students in grade 11 are offered unique cultural experiences and time to evaluate their priorities and goals.

- Local community organizations receive hundreds of volunteer hours as each student commits to a minimum of eighty hours of meaningful service during the school year.
- Villagers at international service sites are provided with much needed assistance and develop positive relationships with Americans and Canadians.

For more information go to <http://www.yes5050.org/>

2017 Y.E.S. team install stoves for Guatemalans

Article by Roger Kelly

If the cloud of ash from the volcano visible through the bus window didn't do it, maybe it was the 14-hour bus ride, including seven hours on dirt road hiding between potholes and boulders. Or maybe it was the 200 strangers who welcomed them with flower petals and fireworks, or the tiny homes all without running water and most with dirt floors. Any of these should have convinced the eight western Washington high school students that they were going to have quite a story to tell when asked about their summer vacation.

The eight students, members of the 2017 Rotary YES team, traveled to Guatemala from July 12 to July 25 to install wood burning stoves in the homes of villagers in Rio Espiritu, a tiny, remote village two and a half hours away from Barillas in northern Guatemala. The students spent six days in the village installing 80 stoves with assistance from the Hands for Peacemaking Foundation. The students also spent two days as tourists exploring the historical city of Antigua. They were accompanied on the trip by Team Leader Bev Harrington (Burlington) and Team Mentor Roger Kelley (Mount Vernon).

Before the stoves were installed, the villagers cooked on open campfires or make-shift stoves; none of which vented the smoke outside of the home. The new stoves also help the environment by burning wood much more efficiently, reduce the danger of children falling into a cook fire, and help families save money since most of them spend a significant portion of their small income on wood for cooking fires.



Haley Geist & Georgia Stultz - village couple

Each YES team member receives \$2,000 from a sponsoring Rotary club for program expenses and is responsible for an additional \$1,500 for program and trip costs. To be eligible for the international trip, the students must also attend Rotary's Youth Adventures in Leadership (YAIL) conference, volunteer a minimum of 80 hours in their own community, and participate in various other activities such as serving breakfast at Friendship House Café, a free café for anyone who is hungry in the Mount Vernon, Washington area.



All YES team members are high school juniors entering their senior year in 2017. The students and their sponsoring Rotary Clubs are: Evan Rodriguez (Fidalgo); Georgia Stultz (Anacortes); Halley Geist (Anacortes); Mayra Sanchez (Burlington); Dillon Thomas (Burlington); Andrew Baesler (Freeland) and Abbey Harper, (La Conner).

Back row left to right: Evan Rodriguez, Roger Kelley, Peter Adams, Andrew Baesler, Dillon Thomas. Front row left to right: Bev Harrington, Mayra Sanchez, Abbey Harper, Halley Geist, Georgia Stultz.

Profile of Leaders in District 5050

In this edition of the Peace Arch Journal, we are sharing the profile of a Rotary club president and that of an assistant governor.



Ken Johnson (Susan)
Rotary Club of Burlington, WA
Rotary Club President 2017-2018

I grew up with Rotary all around me in the small town of Charlotte, Michigan.

My grandfather was a Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow; my dad and his two brothers were Rotarians. I have many memories as a child attending Rotary lunches with my Dad, as well as being named “Rotary Student of the Month” during high school. So, as an adult, becoming a member of a service club was easy for me, and I did not consider any other type of clubs.

My wife Susan and I moved from Michigan to Burlington in September, 2015, when I became the President and Chief Operating Officer for Skagit Bank. Susan’s sister and husband live in Edmonds, WA, so we were familiar with the area and excited by the opportunity to live closer to them in the beautiful Northwest. We have two children—Sarah who lives in Nashville, TN, and Scott, who lives in Des Moines, IA, with his wife Hannah.

Vocation: Banker. I’ve been in banking for over 30 years with four different financial institutions. Through the “ups and downs” and different institutions, it has been a fun and interesting career.

Positions I’ve held in Rotary: Currently the President of the Burlington Club, and Past-President of the South Haven, MI club.

My favorite Rotary Experience: I have a new “favorite” every time we do a local service project. From chicken BBQs as a child, cooking pancakes at a local pancake breakfast, feeding the homeless at Friendship House, or donating time on behalf of Rotary for Boys and Girls Clubs, I enjoy giving back to our communities and being a part of the “service above self” that is the hallmark of this organization.

The Rotary Club of Burlington



Our club was chartered on November 19, 1974. We currently have 48 members, and meet every Friday morning at the Burlington Parks and Recreation building, 900 E. Fairhaven Ave, Burlington, WA 98233. Enter through the west entrance.

Breakfast time is 7:00 am and the meeting at 7:15 am.



Preet Pall
Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise, B.C.
Assistant Governor for Area D 2017-2018

Coquitlam
Coquitlam Sunrise
Haney
Meadow Ridge
Port Coquitlam Centennial
Port Moody

My Rotary adventures started in 2006 when I was elected to be on the **Group Study Exchange to Turkey** from May 4 to June 6, 2007.

I had applied only because I loved to travel. It was a year long training in all things Rotary, learning a new language, presentation skills, blogging for the first time <http://gseturkey.blogspot.ca/2007/> and much more. What I thought would be a free trip quickly became an adventure in fellowship, Rotary International, and how to make a difference on a greater scale than just in my back yard. I often heard that GSE exchange is “life changing,” and it proved to be so. I made life long friends, and shortly after the GSE exchange, I started a non profit, *Global Change For Children* www.gc4c.org with a group of friends. Through the adventures of GSE, it became clear to me that I wanted to make an impact and support children in healthcare and education. It didn’t occur to me that I could have joined Rotary!

My vocation is Group Benefits. A fellow insurance advisor invited me to a special Rotary Christmas breakfast in 2011 involving four area D clubs. What drew me in was the fun, the support of others, and a desire to help. After attending a few meetings at various Rotary clubs, I joined the Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise in March 2012. The induction included a hug from every Rotarian and guest in the room!!

During the past 5 years I have held various **Rotary positions** in my club and the district. In addition to my role as Assistant Governor, I am the District 5050 Citation Co-Ordinator. At the club level, I have had an abundance of learning opportunities from running a non profit, grant writing, fundraising, accounting, public image, inspiring volunteers, promoting fellowship, and of course being of service.

The **fun** comes in the form of having like minded friends all around you with a mindset of “I get to do this” rather than “I have to do this.” In Rotary we have so many opportunities for local impact and an international impact. One of our international projects included building bathrooms at a school in Nicaragua. I jumped at the opportunity and have many pictures of me, with a huge smile, digging bathroom pits. I saw first hand the impact on the lives of everyone we touched.



As I look forward to many more years in Rotary, what inspires me to stay is the depth of the impact I can have, how easy it is to work with the support of friends, my Rotary family who is international in scope, and a genuine love for making a difference through fellowship.

On the left is a photograph taken in 2007 during the time that Preet was in Turkey.



Port Coquitlam Centennial Crossing City Borders to Serve the City of Port Coquitlam

*Mohan C. V. Mohanan,
President, Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial*

It not often that a City comes to Rotary with request for help in promoting the City in another City.

The City of Port Coquitlam decided to take part in the Annual Torchlight Parade of the White Rock Sea Festival held on August 6, 2017

When it comes to Rotary Service, "short notice" is not an excuse. At least one Rotarian can make a difference.

Three members of the Club (President Mohan, Past President Russ and prospective member Anna) volunteered to team up with the City of Port Coquitlam for setting up the float and walking along distributing an invitation to Port Coquitlam for the Canada 150 celebration on August 26.

The good news at the beginning of the Parade was that our float won overall 3rd place and 2nd prize for best lighting.

When Rotary is involved, the outcome is one of the best — this is what Rotarians do!

We are so proud to be part of everything that the City does!





2019 Rotary International Council on Legislation (CoL)

Past District Governor (2010-2011) **Wayne A. Wiebe** is Rotary District 5050's representative to the CoL. Every three years, delegates from all districts meet as the Council on Legislation to review and vote on proposed changes to the legislation that governs Rotary. They consider enactments, which change Rotary's governing documents, and position statements by the RI Board. Proposed enactments seek to change Rotary's constitutional documents (the RI Constitution, RI Bylaws, and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution). These are published in the RI Manual of Procedures.

We are pleased to report that Wayne, a member of the Rotary Club of Langley, B.C., is back home following very scary health problems. In the following article he is inviting us all to learn about the planning and how we can assist him during the three year planning period.

Thank you to the leaders in District 5050 who have entrusted to me the honour of serving as our district's representative to the Council on Legislation and Council on Resolutions for the next three years. I am taking online courses to learn about the processes involved and just what form my role will take.

The **Council on Legislation (CoL)** meets every three years, with the next one in 2019. Representatives review and vote on proposed legislation, and this legislation includes enactments and position statements.

The **Council on Resolutions (CoR)** meets online each year, and representatives vote on proposed resolutions. Any club or district may propose enactments or resolutions. Club proposals must have the support and endorsement of the district, and I can provide details for anyone interested.

Enactment: The proposal requires that changes be made to a constitutional document (RI Constitution, RI Bylaws, or Standard Rotary Club Constitution). An example would be to change our constitution or bylaws to have service project hours count toward attendance requirements (this has been passed).

Resolution: The proposal seeks action that would not require changing any constitutional documents. An example would be to request the Rotary International (RI) Board to consider recommending to governors to conduct training seminars for new Rotary club members (also passed).

Deadlines:

- Enactment proposals for the 2019 CoL are due by 31 December 2017. This is a very short timeline as the district's approval for the proposal must be obtained before that date.
- Resolution proposals for this fall's CoR were due 30 June 2017, before I officially became our district's representative.
- The future deadlines are 30 June 2018 for the 2018 CoR, and 30 June 2019 for the 2019 CoR.

If you are interested in making a proposal, please contact me at wawiebe@gmail.com or phone me at 604-534-2824 for further details and information about how this may be done.

It is not a difficult process, but there are rules to follow and specific ways to present the proposals.



On the road with District Governor Lindagene Coyle

DG Lindagene, pictured with RI President Ian H. S. Riseley, began her scheduled visits on August 15, 2017. She will be going to all Rotary and Rotaract clubs in District 5050.

Below is her schedule for September, 2017.

On **August 15, 2017**, DG Lindagene began her visits by going to the Bellingham Bay Rotary Club, which meets at Northwood Hall at 12:00 noon.



Lindagene gave Club President Curtis Dye thanks and a pin, and participated in the induction of Inga Dreshee as a new Rotary member. Inga has 20 years of consulting and engineering experience, currently working with Tony at Freeland Engineering. Seen in the middle is her mentor, Harte Bressler.

September, 2017, Club Visits

1	Aldergrove	B
5	South Whidbey	B
6	Everett Port Gardner	B
	Stanwood Camano	L
7	Marysville Sunrise	B
	Arlington	L
	Snohomish County Rotaract	E
8	Burlington	B
11	White Rock Peace Arch	L
12	Mount Baker	L
	Bellingham Rotaract	E
13	South Surrey	B
	Coquitlam	L
	Cloverdale	D
14	Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	B
	Langley	D

15	Chilliwack	L
18	Bellingham	L
	Surrey Central City	E
19	Meadow Ridge	L
	Tri-Cities Rotaract	E
20	Port Moody	B
21	Bellingham Sunrise	B
	Whatcom County North	L
25	Whidbey Westside	D
26	Everett	L
27	San Juan Island	B
28	Port Coquitlam Centennial	E
29	Oak Harbor	L

Rotary District 5050 Calendar

Updates refer to Events on district5050.org home page

2017

Sept 4 Labour Day
Sept 16 Facilitation Training Silver Reef Ferndale WA
Sept 23 RLI Mount Vernon WA
5:30 pm Bellingham Centennial Dinner
Sept 30 Vision 2 Action Silver Reef Ferndale WA
Oct 1 Leadership Training TBA
Oct 9 Thanksgiving CANADA
Oct 16-22 Zone GNATS, GETS and Institute
Nov 10 Veterans' Day USA
Nov 11 Remembrance Day CANADA
Nov 18 Foundation Dinner 5-9pm Newlands Golf Club Langley BC
Nov 23-26 Thanksgiving USA
Dec 2 Pre-PETS
Dec 24-25 Christmas

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 CANADA
Feb 12 BC Family Day
Feb 19 President's Day USA
Feb 23-25 PNWPETS Doubletree in Seatac WA
Mar 10 RLI Surrey BC
Mar 30-Apr 2 Easter
Apr 7 District Training Seminars Kwantlen Surrey BC
Apr Leadership Training TBA
May 8-12 District Conference Cruise Seattle return
May 21 Victoria Day CANADA
May 24-27 RYLA at Mt. Baker Bibleway Camp, Deming, WA
May 28 Memorial Day USA
Jun 23-27 Rotary International Convention Toronto CANADA



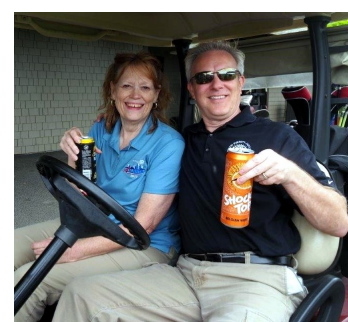
An Assortment of Pictures D5050 GoFUND 2017

Homestead Golf Club, Lynden, WA



John Makepeace and
DG Lindagene Coyle

Beyond the 1931 Ford Victoria that former AG Lee Harman is taking to France in support of PolioPlus, golfers are getting ready on a cool morning.



Beverly Harrington with Frank & Adriel Jarvis before going out to check-in the golfers who are seen getting ready to head out in their golf carts; DGE Linda Murray with fellow South Everett Mukilteo Rotarian Joe Marine.



DGN Brad Whittaker; Pat Bond, DG Lindagene, & AG Lynn Spence; and Lindagene standing with four Arlington Rotarians (left to right) Carla Gastineau, Simona DeVries, Yola Barnett, and Lyanne Rolf.



On the left is Tim Murray, 2nd frame (from the left) Russ Ideson (Chilliwack Fraser), his son James, Bill Murray (So. Everett Mukilteo) and his brother Tim Murray (Imported from California), in the 3rd frame the White Rock Peace Arch team: Sheila King, Cole Kirkpatrick, Dee Makepeace, & John Makepeace, and on the right is Dee Makepeace. **Look for another GoFUND article in October.**



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Giving to The Rotary Foundation

Report by Steve Morach
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Stanwood/Camano Island

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District 5050 contributed the following amounts to The Rotary Foundation for 2016-2017

Annual Giving: \$416,559.64 (\$161.77 per capita)

PolioPlus: \$120,088.34

Endowment: \$12,819.06

Other Funds: \$17,890.70

Total combined giving: \$567,357.74

39 clubs were on the Honor Roll for Annual Giving contributions over US\$100 per capita, ranging from \$571.43 to \$100.49 (19 in WA & 20 in BC).

7 clubs were on the Honor Roll for PolioPlus contributions over US\$100 per capita, ranging from \$338.49 to \$100.00 (2 in WA & 7 in BC).

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

A 28-page document, *The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide*, can be downloaded at:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50335/Page/2017-07-01-trf-rotary-foundation-reference-guide-e219>

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Thank you! Bob Knight, Editor