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**50% American,
50% Canadian,
100% Rotarian**

It Has Been Fun

It is amazing how fast the time has passed. The saying is 'time flies when you are having fun.' Well, folks, for the most part I had a lot of fun being District Governor. I learned a lot, met many wonderful Rotarians, and thoroughly enjoyed visiting all 57 clubs and four Rotaract Clubs in the District. I visited towns and took roads I would never have travelled had I not been Governor. The welcome I received by every Club was heart warming and made driving in the pouring rain in the dark, the long days, and eating too much all worthwhile.



Learning about the amazing projects and wonderful work the Clubs and Rotarians are doing increased my pride in District 5050. Rotary Making a Difference is truly exemplified by our District. Thank you for the many suggestions and ideas to improve the District. We have started to implement some of them and others will take more time.

While I was the Governor, it is important to recognize that it is not one person's responsibility. I could not have done my job without the Assistant Governors and the others on the leadership team. A special thank you to the AGs who did an exemplary job in providing support to the Clubs. I appreciated the support the District received from committee chairs and others that served to make a difference.

I encourage one and all to take the time and the opportunity to visit other Rotary Clubs locally, as well as when you travel. Each Club has its own personality and culture. So many ways to witness Rotary Making a Difference and get new ideas. Make certain you keep updated about Rotary as the organization continues to change and improve.

Consider putting your name forward as a candidate for District Governor and/or other district positions. There is a call for applicants every year and we need you. You will learn more about Rotary than you ever thought possible.

Here I am a year later and now a Past District Governor. It has been a pleasure and an honour to be your District Governor. Please keep in touch. *So, farewell and best wishes from PDG Lindagene and hello and welcome to DG Linda.*

District Governor Linda Murray

Linda Murray was asked by a girlfriend to attend a Rotary meeting and she joined in 1989. She wanted to participate in something besides her small family-owned business. She continues as a member because of all of the great things Rotary does.



Governor Murray has served in just about every position within her Club including the Foundation Board. She was Club President 2000-2001. She has been honored as Rotarian of the Year and Mukilteo Citizen of the Year. She served her community as Chair of the Club's D.A.R.E. program, served on the Boards of the Chamber of Commerce—which she helped start, the Boys & Girls Club and the local Community Policing Board. She's proud of helping her Club move their auction to using a computer tracking program and helping the Club initially fund a School Resource Officer for the local high school.

At the District level, she has served as District Administrator, Assistant Governor, led a Group Study Exchange Team to India in 2010, has been on the District Visioning Team and faculty member of the Rotary Leadership Institute. She also served for four years as District Membership Chair utilizing best practices from her time as Club Membership Chair. Her committee made 30-35 individual Club presentations her first year as Chair and that helped the District get started on the road to the growth we see today across District 5050. The message is simple: "Invite somebody to breakfast, lunch dinner or to join your Club on a community project."

Linda has been married to Bill Murray for more than 42 years. They moved to the Northwest from Southern California in 1980 for the clean air and overall better quality of life for their young family. Bill's an electrician by trade and they purchased a small fledgling security company and built it into an enterprise serving thousands of customers all over western Washington with home and business security, fire alarm systems, closed-circuit television and intercom systems. Business they served included retail stores, office buildings, medical facilities, schools, churches and government buildings. When they sold the business last year they had 15 employees. Their son Brent and his wife worked in the business. He is now a stay-at-home dad of one with one on the way. Bill and Linda's daughter Nicole and her husband used to live in Whatcom County where she was the Program Director for the Ferndale Boys & Girls Club. They are now in China where Nicole's husband has a job as an engineer. Bill is a Rotarian having joined the Rotary Club of South Everett/Mukilteo during Linda's year as President.

When asked if she ever thought that she would ever want to be Governor, Murray emphatically stated "No!" However, Bill added that he saw it coming.

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The Peace Arch Journal

Linda Murray
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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Governor Linda Murray

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Governor Murray wants District Rotarians to be engaged. Every Rotarian should be engaged in their home Club. "Learn how to say yes," Murray added. She also wants people to know that "5050 is an international district. We are two countries working together."

Announcement from the Rotary International Convention: District 5050 was the fifth largest contributor in District Designated Funds to Polio Plus for the Rotary Year 2017-2018



Rotary



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2018-2019 District Leadership

District Governor	Linda Murray
District Governor Elect	Brad Whittaker
District Governor Nominee	Carol Tichelman
Immediate Past District Governor	Lindagene Coyle
District Foundation	Jane Helten
Vice Governor	Sean Hogan
District Finance	Lyle Ryan
District Secretary	Joan Apel
District Treasurer	Carlye Gillespie

Officers and Directors

Conference 2019 Chair	Beverly Harrington
Governor's Aide	Pat Bond
Membership Chair	Rob Prosch
Rotaract Representative—BC	Phoenix MacLaren
Rotaract Representative—WA	Rachel Preston
International	Raj Rajagopal
Training Coordinator	Rob Martin
Historian	Jack Rae
Youth Chair	Ashley Morrison
Insurance	BC— Harry Geddes WA— Don Whitfield

Area Governors

A Linda Rook All Chilliwack Clubs & Hope	G Del VandeKerk All Bellingham Clubs, Mount Baker & Whatcom Co.
B Mike Adkins All Abbotsford and Mission Clubs	H Connie Milliken Anacortes, Fidalgo Is., La Conner, & San Juan Islands
C Jorda Maisey Aldergrove and Langley (BC) Clubs	I Darrell Hooper Burlington Clubs, Mt. Vernon, Skagit, Sedro-Woolley
D Preet Pall Coquitlam Clubs, Haney, Meadow Ridge, Port Coquitlam Centennial & Port Moody	J Dave Duskin Arlington, Lake Stevens, Marysville Clubs, Stanwood
E Alf Marchi Cloverdale, North Delta, & all Surrey Clubs	K Shawn O'Donnell Everett Clubs, Monroe, South Everett/Mukilteo, and Rotaract of Snohomish County
F Emery Dosedall Semiahmoo, South Surrey & all White Rock Clubs	L Lyn Waldrop All Whidbey Island Clubs

[Click here for a complete list of District 5050 Leadership and contact information.](#)

Governor's Installation & Awards Banquet

Honoring outgoing Governor Lindagene Coyle and installing incoming Governor Linda Murray and the Assistant Governors for 2018-2019.

Awards will be bestowed for

Rookie of the Year to a small, medium and large Club

Community Project to a small, medium and large Club

International Project to a small, medium and multi-Club project

Public Image to a medium and large Club

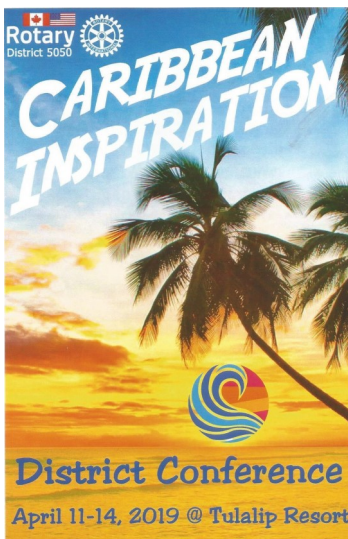


Skagit Casino & Resort, just north of Burlington off of Interstate 5 at Exit 236

14 July 2018 No Host Bar, 5:30 pm Dinner at 6:00 pm

\$45 US

[Click here register](#)



Save the Date!

For the next District Conference
April 11—14, 2019 in Marysville, WA
At the World Famous Tulalip Resort

Rotary District 5050 Calendar

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

July 14 [District Governor Installation](#) — Skagit Casino & Resort, Bow, WA

Aug 17 [GolFun 2018](#) — Lynden, WA

[GolFun Dinner Only](#)

April 11-14 District Conference



GOLFUN 2018

LET'S BE THE INSPIRATION – LET'S ERADICATE POLIO

WHEN: AUGUST 17, 2018

WHERE: HOMESTEAD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
115 e HOMESTEAD BLVD
LYNDEN, WA



COST: \$125.00 USD

Includes golf, golf cart and dinner



REGISTRATION OPENS AT 11 AM

SHOTGUN START AT 12:45 PM

DINNER ONLY FOR NON-GOLFERS \$35.00

**REGISTER AS A TEAM
OR REGISTER SINGLY AND
YOU WILL BE PLACED ON A TEAM**

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

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

District 5050 Clubs

Everett

Every successful transition from high school to college requires focus, hard work and . . . stuff. Essential things that make college life easier, like hot plates, note pads and laptop computers.

Those College Essentials were the goal 7 June as ten students, all members of the Everett School District's AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program, went shopping at the Fred Meyer Store.

They were assisted by members of the Rotary Club of Everett, which funded each shopper with a \$500 College Essentials scholarship. The Club has supported these College Essentials shopping visits for several years, with vital help from Fred Meyer, which discounts prices and ensures the student shoppers receive top value.



Support for youth is a major focus for the Rotary Club of Everett. Club members share their business experiences with students participating in the school district's AVID program. In May the Club distributed some \$202,200 in scholarships to Everett students, including the College Essentials shopping visits. The Club also participates in student exchange programs by sending local students overseas and hosting students from other countries.



Pictured top right are Rotarian Brian Hollingshead, Sequoia High School graduate Caireanna Mills and Fred Meyer Associate Gerianne Johnson. Above left are Sequoia graduate Eli Brusseau with Rotarian Cindy Larsen and Ms. Johnson. Above right are Cascade High School graduate Fanta Gibba and Rotarian Will McMahan.



San Juan Island

<< Installation Dinner on 18 June. PDG Rob Martin (r) presiding over the transfer from Adam Eltinge (l) to Paul Mayer.

Bill & Kaita Robinson, Rotarians for 25 years, San Juan Island members since 2016.

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District 5050 Clubs

Port Coquitlam Centennial



One of the youngest Presidents in District 5050 is Karly Simms. If anyone in Rotary is all set to jump into action and make the Rotary theme for 2018-2019 mean everything for a Rotarian, it is President Karly Simms. She is as passionate about the theme as Rotary International President Barry Rasin. The Club appreciates Karly stepping up to the moment of truth and offering her services to lead the Club. She is an inspiration for the membership of the Club and this year is sure to be a year of action and achievement.

Haney

President Peter Tam and the new Board of Directors were installed on 16 June by then Governor-Elect Linda Murray. Over the years Rotary Club of Haney—with 43 members and growing—has, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge, contributed millions of dollars in community grants, bursaries and funds for projects in the communities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadow. President Tam’s message is to “be the people of action, be the drop in the bucket, be the passion to make our world a better place and, [Be the Inspiration.](#)”



Lake Stevens

Annual Installation Banquet 24 June where outgoing President Randy Celori installed incoming President Kevin O’Brien. O’Brien then installed his Board (l-r):



Bill Demeroutis, International Service; Gina Anderson, Club Service; Jim Haugen, Community Service; Chris Vallo, Treasurer; Laurie Westover, President-Elect; Gary O’Rielly, Secretary; Randy Celori, Past President; and, Dean Franz, Vocational Service. Not pictured is Reshal Ploeger, Director. Reshal was honored as the Club’s Rotarian of the Year.

Upcoming Club Events

Arlington—30th Annual Great Stilly Duck Dash	4 July
Everett-Port Gardner—American Classic Car Raffle	ends 4 Oct 2018
La Conner—The Roaring 20’s Auction	25 August
Lake Stevens—Aquafest Duck Dash & Corn Booth	27-29 July
Meadow Ridge—Duck Race	12 August
Port Moody—RibFest	20-22 July
San Juan Island—Concours d’Elegance	26 August
Whatcom County North—Rubber Ducky Derby	25 August

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

District 5050 Foundation Report

Steve Morach, District Foundation Annual Giving Chair

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

Annual Giving: \$366,224.23
 (\$145.85 per capita)
 PolioPlus: \$120,227.13
 Endowment: \$151,738.10
 Other Funds: \$ 17,567.14
 Total combined giving: \$655,806.60

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

Meadow Ridge, BC	\$235.22
Mission, BC	\$199.84
Abbotsford-Sumas	\$174.42
Langley, BC	\$159.91
San Juan Island, WA	\$148.56
Coquitlam, BC	\$120.00
Monroe, WA	\$103.03

(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](mailto:steve.morach@amfp.com) (steve.morach@amfp.com).

1	Stanwood/Camano	WA	\$450.22
2	Whidbey Westside	WA	\$403.57
3	Abbotsford Sumas	BC	\$390.20
4	Langley	WA	\$349.15
5	Abbotsford	BC	\$324.66
6	North Delta	BC	\$299.75
7	White Rock	BC	\$281.63
8	Arlington	WA	\$273.93
9	La Conner	WA	\$269.60
10	Semiahmoo	BC	\$265.68
11	Fidalgo Island	WA	\$244.45
12	Marysville	WA	\$241.67
13	South Surrey	BC	\$233.66
14	Langley Central	BC	\$224.84
15	San Juan Island	WA	\$222.26
16	Coquitlam Sunrise	BC	\$221.52
17	Surrey	BC	\$193.68
18	Chilliwack	BC	\$193.30
19	Everett	WA	\$188.78
20	White Rock Peninsula	BC	\$177.66
21	Burlington	WA	\$175.50
22	Port Moody	BC	\$168.04
23	South Whidbey	WA	\$161.36
24	Bellingham	WA	\$156.16
25	Lake Stevens	WA	\$129.09
26	Mission	BC	\$127.50
27	Mount Baker	WA	\$121.88
28	Monroe	WA	\$116.17
29	White Rock Peace Arch	BC	\$113.62
30	Meadow Ridge	BC	\$105.26
31	Coquitlam	BC	\$101.70
32	Port Coquitlam	BC	\$101.70

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



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**FROM THE
EDITOR'S
DESK**

This is the July 2018 issue of the *Peace Arch Journal*. The first of Volume 32. We welcome District Governor Linda Murray and all that she

has planned for District 5050 this Rotary Year. Learn more about Linda on Page 1. She will be visiting each of our Clubs starting later this summer. Don't miss her engaging presentation.

The [Governor Installation & Awards Banquet](#) on 14 July is when Governor Coyle hands the gavel over to Governor Murray.

GolFun is coming up next month. Get your team together and support The Rotary Foundation. If you don't want to golf, you can attend the dinner that evening.

I had the opportunity to pay a quick visit to RI Headquarters last month. HQ wasn't there when I used to ride my bicycle through Evanston on a regular basis.

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.

Yours in Rotary,

James



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!