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Education & Literacy Month

Brad Whittaker, District Governor

Literacy is important because it is the foundation upon which people are able to interact with the world, educate themselves, and thus, contribute to society as well as their own well-being. Education gives us a knowledge of the world around us and changes it into something better. It is no secret that a good education has the power to change a life. (Columbia University)

But in 2019, it is estimated that 781 million adults do not have that opportunity as they are unable to read or write and 58 million children worldwide who are out of school will not be able to read or write. (World Population Review)



Education is very important for every child whether a boy or girl and certainly very important for adults. But it has been said that “If you really want to empower societies, reduce poverty, improve basic hygiene and health care, reduce the population explosion, and fight high rates of infant and maternal mortality, the answer is to educate girls.” (Central Asian Institute)

It is sad that some communities still discriminate against the education of the girl child. An African proverb says, *“If we educate a boy, we educate one person. If we educate a girl, we educate a family – and a whole nation.”*

Educated women marry later and have fewer children but healthier babies. A child born to a mother who can read is 50% more likely to survive past the age of five.

Girls who receive an education are less likely to contract HIV & AIDS, and thus, less likely to pass it on to their children. Educated girls and women are less likely to be victims of domestic and sexual violence or to tolerate it in their families.

Educated women are more likely to participate in political discussions, meetings, and decision-making, which in turn, promotes a more representative, effective government.

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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.

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District Governor Message

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On her 16th birthday, Malala Yousafzi, the Pakistani schoolgirl shot in the head by the Taliban, told a delegation of 500 young people at the UN:

"Let us pick up our books and pens. They are our most powerful weapons. One child, one teacher, one pen and one book can change the world. Education is the only solution. Education first."

Clubs in District 5050 put education first by providing financial and hands-on support for many activities including locally: Little Free Library programs, dictionary programs, literacy and breakfast programs, scholarships, and the Write to Read program; and internationally: ARES program in Kenya, education support in Copán Ruinas in Honduras, Guatemala School Bus program and equipping libraries. Way too many to mention. Thank you, fellow Rotarians, for helping to educate the children of the world.

I am pleased to announce that Mike Adkins of the Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas has volunteered to be the District Chair for Literacy for the following year. Thanks, Mike!



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RI President Maloney Visits RibFest

Pauline Buck, Special to the Peace Arch Journal

RI President Mark Maloney is more than a world-wide ambassador for Rotary. He also brings first-hand BBQ experience to the job. At least he did on Sunday 18 August when he visited RibFest Langley and helped select the winning team of champion ribbers who had spent the weekend offering their delicious fare to visitors at RibFest Langley's second annual free-admission family fun event.



Hailing from Decatur Alabama, one of the BBQ capitals of North America, President Mark was in his element sampling the sauces and ribs submitted for judging and was delighted to be part of the team of ten judges who selected Prairie Smoke as this year's grand champion.



While the final tallies were being calculated, President Mark addressed the crowd at RibFest. He thanked everyone for coming to this very worthwhile fundraiser for Rotary and offered information about the contribution Rotary's 1.2 million members make around the world, providing humanitarian service and advancing goodwill and peace.

RibFest Langley is hosted by the four Rotary clubs in Langley and presented by the Credit Unions of Langley. (Aldergrove Credit Union, Envision Financial, Prospera Credit Union and G & F Financial) The admission-free weekend includes family entertainment, live music, an extensive KidZone with many activities and games for all ages, local craft beer, award winning BBQ ribs and chicken plus an array of vendors offering roasted corn, baked potatoes pop, Krause Berry pies and much more.

As a major fundraiser for the Langley Clubs, preliminary estimates suggest that over CDN \$100,000 was raised—all of which will be returned to the community through the many Rotary sponsored programs. RibFest Langley Chair Jeff Morfitt said it took over 300 community volunteers to make this event happen and he looks forward to spearheading next year's Third Annual RibFest Langley.



After lending his BBQ judging expertise to the fun, President Mark met with the Presidents of Langley's Rotary Clubs and congratulated them for the creation of such a great community-building event. He also was pleased to meet the President of the newly formed Rotaract Club, a group of community-minded young people aged 18 – 30 who are, in his words, "the future of Rotary."



GolFun 2019

Carol Tichelman, DGE, Special to the Peace Arch Journal

The rain stopped just as the 81 golfers teed off on Friday 23 August at the beautiful Homestead Golf Course in Lynden, WA. A wonderful day of sport and fellowship was enjoyed by all. The pace of play was excellent with the golfers finishing the round in under five hours.

After a period of refreshment, a scrumptious buffet of salads, rice, potatoes, vegetables and Blackened Chicken (with Buerre Blanc & Pico de Gallo) and New York Steak (with mushroom demi glaze & gorgonzola) was followed by a tasty bumble berry cobbler and ice cream.

A very nice addition to the event were the fabulous Rotary wheels that Carl Garrison brought from the float created by the Clubs in Area I. The wheels adorned the welcome area and the putting and chipping contest locations. The 4' wheel also provided a nice feature for the prize presentation pictures. A big shout out as well to the Rotary Club of Semiahmoo (White Rock) who had 16 golfers!

A huge thank you to the Clubs who committed hole sponsorships totaling \$51,000 in Club donations to The Rotary Foundation. The event could not happen without our volunteers and we thank Governor's Aide Pat Bond, Foundation Chair Malcolm & Evelyn Kennedy, Debra Wiggs, Lynn Spence, Bonnie Willits, Tim & Pati Villhauer, Frank Jarvis, Adriel Wilson and DGN Bev Harrington. These fine folks handled the registrations, supervised the putting and chipping contests and sold the mulligan bags and 50/50 tickets.

We thank Nigel Lennie for donating \$250 USD of his 50/50 winnings back to The Rotary Foundation!

And the winners were (primarily The Rotary Foundation!):

First Place (RC of Chilliwack)

- Nigel Lennie
- Bryan Ewart
- Wayne McAlpine
- Kevin Gemmell

Second Place—TIE (RC of Sedro Woolley)

- Carl Garrison
- Darrell Heisler
- Brian Ronk
- Brandon Agnew

Second Place—TIE (RC of Bellingham)

- Nate Twinning
- John Macpherson
- Steve Hettick
- Mike Plenkovich

Most Honest Golfers (RC of Semiahmoo)

- Linda Whitehead
- Larry Whitehead
- Val Purcell
- Jim Purcell

Ladies' Long Drive (RC of Anacortes)

- Crystal Eddy

Ladies' Closest to Pin (RC of Abbotsford-Sumas)

- Sandy Watson

Mens' Long Drive (RC of Bellingham)

- Nathan Twining

Mens' Closest to Pin (RC of Port Moody)

- Darrell Burnham

50/50 Draw (RC of Chilliwack)

- Nigel Lennie



2019-2020 District Governor Club Visits

All visits subject to change

September 2019

5	Semiahmoo White Rock (B)	23	Surrey Newton Rotaract (E)
	Abbotsford Matsqui (D)	24	White Rock (L)
9	Bellingham (L)		White Rock Peninsula (D)
10	Bellingham Bay (L)	25	Langley Central (L)
11	Stanwood Camano (B)		Cloverdale (D)
	Mount Vernon (L)	26	North Delta (L)
12	Bellingham Sunrise (B)		Langley (D)
	Surrey Newton (D)	30	Whidbey Westside (D)
23	White Rock Peace Arch (L)		

October 2019

1	South Whidbey Island (B)	17	Snohomish County Rotaract
2	North Whidbey Island (B)	18	Lake Stevens (B)
	Anacortes (L)		South Everett Mukilteo (L)
3	Sedro Woolley (L)	21	La Conner (D)
	Fraser Valley Rotaract (E)	22	Fidalgo Island (B)
7	Chilliwack After Hours (D)		Everett (L)
8	Mission Midday (L)	23	Skagit (B)
9	Mission Morning (B)		Marysville (L)
	Coquitlam (L)	24	Burlington Midday (L)
	Semiahmoo Rotaract	25	Burlington (B)
10	Chilliwack Mt. Cheam (B)		Oak Harbor (L)
	Whatcom County North (L)	28	Bellingham Rotaract
11	Aldergrove (B)	29	Mount Baker (L)
16	San Juan Islands (B)	30	Abbotsford Sumas (B)
17	Marysville Sunrise (B)		Haney (D)
	Arlington (L)		

November 2019

5	Coquitlam Sunrise (B)	13	Everett Port Gardner (B)
	Abbotsford (L)	14	Surrey (B)
	Chilliwack Fraser Rotaract	15	Chilliwack (L)
6	Langley Sunrise (B)	19	Tri Cities Rotaract
	Chilliwack Fraser (L)	20	Monroe (L)
7	Port Coquitlam Centennial (D)	21	PNW Passport—US



District Governor Brad and Kim are looking forward to hosting this year’s District Conference, returning to Canada and the beautiful Harrison Hot Springs Resort, in Harrison Hot Springs, BC and invite you to come and **JOIN THE ADVENTURE.**

Harrison Hot Springs offers Rotarians and guests the opportunity to connect and celebrate our accomplishments while exploring the Adventure opportunities and beauty of Harrison Lake. Unwind in Paradise!

Harrison Hot Springs offers many Adventure opportunities. You will want to arrive on Thursday to ensure you can participate in everything.

On Thursday: Host Ticketed items include (1) an exciting River Rafting Adventure, “District 5050 Conquers the Chilliwack River” includes transportation from Harrison, lunch and 3 hrs on the River then transport back to the Hotel. (2) A Fellowship BBQ at the Harrison Country Club, Aloha Theme.

For those who would like to explore on their own, you could try a round of golf at the Sandpiper Golf Course; Watch Artisan Cheese or hand crafted pottery in the making on the Circle Farm Tour; or tour a 1920’s living Historic site or there are many outdoor activities; hiking, sightseeing and wildlife viewing, kayaking or jet boating on the Harrison River. Or you can just enjoy a Spa treatment and the Hot Springs pools at the Resort.

On Friday: Host Ticketed items include (1) A 2.5 hr breakfast Boat Cruise on the Harrison Lake (2) Walking Tour and History of Harrison Hot Springs (3) Area A Rotary Clubs’ Luncheon at Noon before the Conference officially starts at 2:00 PM.

On Saturday: will be a full day of conference activities ending with the Governors’ Gala and dancing to the band Appaloosa. Dress will also be Aloha Style as we will be heading to the International Convention in Honolulu, later in June.

On Sunday: morning will bring the end to our Conference with an Inspirational speaker, Pioneers presentation and a Memorial tribute.

The Conference will feature a mix of inspiring and motivational speakers, Rotary topics and programs and lots of entertainment mixed throughout.

There will be a House of Friendship where Rotarians can meet, Rotary Clubs can display their projects and there will be an opportunity to purchase Rotary Clothing and bling from Creative Embroidery.

Registration is open now and Early Bird rates of \$325 plus GST, are in effect until 30 November 2019 and to the delight of both US and Canadian attendees, all pricing is in **Canadian Dollars.**

The Harrison Hot Springs Resort is also now accepting reservations for rooms and has extended conference rates to include the Thursday and Sunday night. So book early. Dress Code for the Conference is “Resort Chic“

Our Conference Website is also live on District 5050 website, with detailed information on our Pre conference activities – both host ticketed and self guided, and information on our Speakers. New information will be added and you will receive video updates leading up to the conference.

Want one of the best positions in Rotary?

[Become an Assistant Governor](#)

District 5050 is looking for Assistant Governors in the following areas as the current AGs are finishing their terms:

Area B (Abbotsford, Mission),

Area G (Bellingham, Mount Baker, Whatcom County North),

Area I (Burlington, Mount Vernon, Sedro-Wooley, Skagit), and

Area J (Arlington, Lake Stevens, Marysville, Stanwood)

These are one year terms with options for renewing.

[For more information on position duties and requirements visit our website.](#)

Do you like money?

Especially, other people's money?

Do you have an Accounting degree or five years experience in a senior accounting position?

If yes, then you can apply to be the Treasurer for District 5050.

Contact [Governor Brad](#) or [Governor-Elect Carol](#).

Are you interested in Growing Rotary? Having a major impact? And enriching peoples' lives?

Then you may wish to become the Chair of the District Membership Committee.

The Committee is comprised of Assistant Governors who work with the Chair to promote membership.

[Contact Brad Whittaker](#) if you want an exciting year.

Upcoming Club Events

<u>Cloverdale—Burger & Beverage Fundraiser</u>	21 Sept
<u>Everett Port Gardner—20th Annual Classic Car Raffle</u>	6 Oct
<u>Bellingham Bay—Wines by the Water</u>	19 Oct
<u>Bellingham—Annual Blood Drive</u>	21 Oct
<u>Abbotsford—2nd Annual Halloween Bash</u>	25 Oct

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

Rotary District 5050 Calendar

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

2 November	<u>Rotary Learning Institute—Part 1</u>
2 November	<u>Rotary Learning Institute—Part 2</u>
2 November	<u>Rotary Learning Institute—Part 3</u>
15 November	<u>District 5050 Foundation Dinner</u>
23 November	<u>Pre-PETS</u>
30 April	<u>District Conference Join the Adventure</u>

The Great Bell Caper

Dave Duskin, Special to the Peace Arch Journal

The Rotary Clubs of Arlington and Marysville have something in common—A 1929 Antique Rotary Bell. It all started in 1929 when the Rotary Club of Everett sponsored a new club in Marysville. It gave the new club a fancy bell with the name of the club “Marysville.” The club didn’t last and by 1934 it had disbanded. 36 years later the Everett Club decided to try again and the Rotary Club of Marysville-North County was chartered in 1970. It was composed of members from Marysville, Arlington and other north Snohomish County communities.

To the surprise of the new club in North Snohomish County, the widow of the former secretary of the defunct Marysville club had the original bell in her basement. Reading about the new club, the bell was given to the new club.



To better reflect the area served by the new club, its name was changed to the Rotary Club of North Snohomish County in 1979. In 1984, the club, which was meeting at Weller’s Chalet in Arlington, decided it was time for each community to have its own club. It sponsored the Rotary Club of Marysville with some of the charter members being members who transferred from the North Snohomish County Club. Later, having sponsored the Rotary Club of Stanwood/Camano, the name of the North County club was changed to the Rotary Club of Arlington.

As a gift from the sponsoring club, to the new Rotary Club of Marysville, the 1929 bell was presented to the club at its charter night. After all, why would a club meeting in Arlington have a bell for Marysville Rotary. But that’s when the fun began.

To keep the Marysville club mindful of how it started, the bell, at least six times, disappeared to reappear at an Arlington meeting. On one of these occasions the Marysville members showed up early at Weller’s Chalet and filled up all the seats so that when members arrived they had nowhere to sit—of course demanding return of its antique bell.

In 2010 the bell was “borrowed” so it could be present at Arlington’s 40th anniversary party. The speaker for the evening was PGD Harv Jubie from the Marysville Club. At the event the bell was prominently displayed after Arlington had it polished for the occasion. To help Marysville protect its bell, a chain and lock were presented with the bell to PGD Harv to take back to Marysville.

Since then, whenever Arlington Rotarians visit the Marysville Club, the chain and lock appears. On June 20th the Rotary Club of Arlington began its 50th year and asked the Marysville President if it would bring the bell to Simona’s installation. But President Rick let his guard down and after the installation, the bell disappeared.

In an effort to get the bell returned to Marysville, President Rick visited the Arlington Club. Following the meeting Arlington’s bell mysteriously disappeared. Soon thereafter, the Arlington Bell, which Rick named “Bella” started showing up in photos from many different locations.



The Great Bell Caper

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After hearing of the need for cereal at our local foodbanks, President Rick offered to buy a pallet load of cereal for the Arlington Food Bank as a reward for return of the Marysville Bell. He offered to have the cereal and the Arlington Bell at the Marysville Meeting on July 17. True to his word when a delegation from the Arlington arrived at the Marysville meeting with another pallet of cereal for the Marysville Food Bank, the cereal was on prominent display.



Accepting back the Arlington bell while delivering the antique bell back to Marysville, President Simona is pictured here with President Rick and with Arlington Rotarian Carla Gastineau (in the center) the Director of the Arlington Community Food Bank.

It's all in fun! Not only did the two area food banks benefit from the caper, but the Rotary Clubs of Arlington and Marysville, with this interaction, are reminded of their common heritage. Arlington hopes that the "Bell" and the members of the Rotary Club of Marysville will help it celebrate 50 years of service at an event next June.

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This is the September 2019 issue of the *Peace Arch Journal*. The fact that it is late is primarily on me. I've been extremely busy these past few weeks. I got married, moved across town (I'm still dealing with that) and my son got married this month. Thank you for your understanding.

Governor Brad is visiting Clubs throughout the District. Please send me your visit reports and photos! His Club visit schedule is on [Page 5](#).

RI President Mark Maloney was in our District last month. Read about one part of his visit on [Page 3](#).

Despite the cooler weather, this year's GolFun participants had a blast. The winner, as always, is The Rotary Foundation!

World Polio Day is 24 October. Let us know what events and activities you have planned. We are this close to eradicating this terrible disease.

The Early Bird registration for next year's District Conference has been extended to 30 November. See [Page 6](#) for all of the details.

Thank you to this month's contributors. However, the *Peace Arch Journal* needs your help. 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

