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### Message from Our District Governor

Hello Rotary

Maxine and I continue to be amazed at each of our Club visits by the warm reception from each of you. We have often been reminded of the hard work we are involved in, but all we can see is the joy in meeting and seeing all of you again. We are sincerely enjoying ourselves and cannot wait for more visits to our Club's. To see first hand, the good work of the Club's in our District is overwhelming indeed. None of this would happen without hard work, extensive time commitment, utilizing your own personal talents and most of all, pride in your service.

If you did not know it by now... we have some outstanding individuals representing our District 5050! We are continually amazed by Rotarians!

Our District Directory will be completed very soon and I will make sure it is delivered to our Club Presidents. I have asked our PAJ Editor Bob Knight to include my email address for your good communication with me.

For now, thanks for your support, thanks for your good work, and we will see you soon.

*District Governor (2007-2008) John Bosch*

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**The Peace Arch Journal**

District 5050

**John Bosch**  
Governor



The *Peace Arch Journal* is published monthly as a service to District club officers and members. It is intended as a source of news and opinion from throughout the district.

The mission 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 in MS Word docs, with or without pictures, attached to emails and make some kind of 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.

Deadline is the 15th of the month.

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**On The Road with the DG**

District Governor John Bosch and Maxine have begun the DG's *official visits*.



**Visit to Snohomish on July 19, 2007**

(right to left) Maxine Bosch, District Governor John, Club President Lisa Caldwell, Assistant Governor Area J Amy Black, and Club President-Elect Todd Smith

**The following is their club visitation schedule through the month of August, 2007:**

- 1 Skagit-Mount Vernon
- 7 Mission Middy
- 8 Mission
- 8 Chilliwack-Frasier
- 9 Chilliwack-Mt. Cheam
- 9 Hope
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- 14 Mt. Baker
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- 29 Coquitlam
- 30 Sedro-Woolley

**Calendar of Events**

Check out the events listed on the District 5050 website:  
<http://www.district5050.org>

**August 10 - 11, 2007**

Rotary Presidential Membership Conference in Vancouver

**August 17, 2007 (Friday)**

District 5050 Golfun in Lynden, WA.



**February 16, 2008 (Saturday)**

Pre-PETS at Skagit Valley Casino, Bow, WA

**March 15 - 18, 2008**

Double Tree Hotel, SeaTac, WA

**April 12, 2008**

District Assembly at Kwantlen University College, Surrey, BC

**May 15 - 18, 2008**

District 5050 Conference, Everett, WA



**June 15 - 18, 2008**

Rotary International Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA





The following information was posted by Chris Offer on June 30, 2007.

**RIP Wilf Wilkinson Appointed to Order of Canada, Canada's highest civilian decoration.**

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, has appointed Wilfrid Wilkinson (President of Rotary International) to the Order of Canada. He is recognized for a lifetime of distinguished volunteer service.

This year marks an important anniversary for the Order of Canada. It was created on July 1, 1967, and has since become the centrepiece of Canada's System of Honours. The year 2007 is a celebration of 40 years of outstanding achievements and excellence in all sectors of society.

**The Right Honourable  
Michaëlle Jean, Governor  
General of Canada**

The Order of Canada is the centrepiece of Canada's honour system and recognizes a lifetime of outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation.

The Order recognizes people in all sectors of Canadian society. Their contributions are varied, yet they have all enriched the lives of others and made a difference to this country.

The Order of Canada's motto is DESIDERANTES MELIOREM PATRIAM (They desire a better country).

*Thanks to RI Director Monty J. Audenart for sharing this information with us. He included a note from RIP Wilf stating that, "I was both surprised and very grateful for this recognition, but I think it has a lot more to do with how the Canadian Government feels about Rotary than about me."*

*Thanks to AG Christiana Flessner for the following report:*

**Photos from Area D and E's July 7, 2007, BBQ**



Christiana noted that, "as you can see, the barbeque was in good hands with Doug! The apron I brought back from Salt Lake for this purpose looks good on him (and went home with him; we are all so proud of him at 86!!) ?!"

"Everyone really enjoyed getting together between outgoing and incoming presidents, AG's and significant others. Quoting

Tom Forster from the Millenium club: 'It looks like we have an enthusiastic group and we can accomplish much riding on that energy.' "

In the photograph on the left are Gwen Arnold ( past first lady from the White Rock Club) and Yoko Johanson ( past first lady of the Surrey Guildford Club ), and on the right is a very relaxed Past AG Bill Robson.



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*The following article is based upon articles and a travel blog written by Pete Kinch, member of the Rotary Club of Everett-Port Gardner, WA*

**Stoves for Guatemala**

A Rotary Work Week with Hands For Peacemaking Foundation (HFPP)

During a ten-day period (June 1-10, 2007) representatives from the Rotary clubs of Everett-Port Gardner and Sedro-Woolley, accompanied by Liz Bow (a Shorecrest High School student), traveled to Guatemala. The purpose of their project was to work with the villagers of Babelzap to install highly efficient wood stoves in their huts.



**Pictured are front row left to right, Rod Hall, Liz Bow, Heather Camps, Beth Mauden. Back row left to right are Teak Martin, Jon Schmidt, "Hank" Schmidt, Mark Mauden and Pete Kinch.**

Hands For Peacemaking Foundation works with village people in Guatemala who(1) have significant needs that Rotary teams can meet, and (2) are willing to actively participate in the projects. Years of experience have taught the Hands For Peacemaking directors that trying to help villagers by just giving them what they want has a similar effect to giving children everything they want. Instead, Rotary and HFPP teach the villagers "how to fish" by working with them on projects and requiring them to pay a proportional amount of the costs.

The group's first adventure involved traveling from Guatemala City to the HFPP "Mission House" in Barillas. Fog meant that they were unable to fly. The result was a 14 hour bus trip and the changing of two flat tires.



**Beginning the bus ride**

When they finally arrived, Mimi, the wife of Marco Maldonado (HFPP Director in Guatemala), and her kitchen crew had prepared delicious soup along with home made juice and cookies.



**Changing the tire**

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In rural Guatemalan villages, cooking is usually done on open fires. It is reported that one out of five children dies each year from respiratory problems caused by living in huts where open fires are constantly burning. When the smoke fills the huts and seeps out through the cracks in the walls and ceiling, it leaves a heavy residue on the ceiling. The blackened ceiling demonstrates clearly why children have respiratory complications.

The Sedro-Woolley Rotarians teamed with Hands for Peacemaking Foundation to provide stoves for each family in the village of Babelzap. The Rotarians purchased a stove for each family and traveled to Guatemala to help install the stoves. After the materials for each stove were transported to

the village, each villager receiving a stove signed a contract with HFPPF agreeing to pay money for the stove. The contract stipulates that if they choose not to use their stove, they must return it and their money will be refunded. The fact that they have an investment in the stove promotes ownership responsibility, a key departure from programs where villagers are given what they ask for.



After the contracts were signed, Rotarians and villagers who had been trained in the construction and installation of stoves were divided into three teams, and materials and stove parts were carried to each hut to await assembly.

**The woman in the picture on the right was the first to get a stove.**



The first step of the installation process was locating the stove far enough away from the wall of the hut and leveling the ground. The next step was stacking the cement blocks that form the base and putting on the actual stove components. Then, a hole was cut in the tin roof of the hut and a stovepipe and cap were installed, so that smoke would be directed from the stove outside. The final step was to light the stove for the family and celebrate a new way of living for the Mayan Indians, who have lived with smoke from an open fire for generations. Not only will they be able to breathe easier, the stove is so efficient that women and children will not have to spend as much of their time every day collecting wood for the fire.

When it was time to leave, the bond between the villagers and the Rotarians was obvious. There were many hugs and tears along with the children hanging on to their special Rotarian in every way they could. It was an experience that can only be appreciated when the check for the funds to complete an international project is coupled with the first hand experience that comes from participating in the installation or project construction.



Village children & the work team

Hands For Peacemaking Foundation has six dates for work groups on their 2008 schedule, with several already reserved.

If your club would like to consider a truly "hands on" experience with an organization that is very professional and equipped to handle groups up to 16 people, or would like to learn more about how you can support this worthwhile organization, contact Pete Kinch, Executive Director of Hands For Peacemaking at [HFPPF2@Firetrail.com](mailto:HFPPF2@Firetrail.com) or (425) 348-3030.



Signing the 1st contract



Barillas, Sedro-Woolley and Everett-Port Gardner Rotary members prior to clean



### Vivian with her familia

(back row l to r) Jared, Mike and Ross; (front row l to r) Fran, Dan, Vivian and Steve.

### Vivian A. Smith (Steve) Rotary Club of Haney, B.C.

#### Club President, 2007-2008

A few years ago, a dear friend of mine gave me a coffee mug which read: “*Note to self: stop volunteering for stuff*”. It was true; I was involved in so many volunteer activities, I was exhausting myself. But when I was approached by the Rotary Club of Haney in late 2003, I didn’t hesitate to say *yes!*

I am a fundraising consultant – which became my classification – so I work in the voluntary sector all day long. And I love it. It’s a world of passion and caring; of people who truly want to make a difference. But the one piece that made Rotary slightly different and intriguing for me was its international work.

Working and volunteering abroad has always been a life goal for me, and Rotary gave me the chance to reach that goal while allowing me to feel that I too was making a difference.

The fun part of it all was that I was the first female to join this all-male bastion. The members were gracious, warm and welcoming, and quickly got me involved helping with fundraising events. I really wanted to get my teeth into a project, though, so they challenged me with leading the committee for international services.

I was delighted to have the opportunity to put together their first international expedition in April of 2006 to the Tijuana area of Mexico. Here, we volunteered with an organisation called Corazón, and helped to build a home for a poor family.

Corazón (in Spanish, *heart*) is a non-profit, almost entirely volunteer organisation that has offered shelter, education and community to thousands in the northern Baja region for more than 25 years. *Familia* (in Spanish, family) is the philosophy behind Corazón’s work. People in need do not receive handouts; rather, they participate in programs of assistance that help people to help themselves. In the process, Corazón believes, they help their neighbours and their community to grow and prosper.

Although Corazón offers a wide variety of opportunities to volunteer and provide services to the poor, the way many people first become involved is through construction projects. Over the years, Corazón’s construction projects have evolved from a few folks with several van loads of materials and tools going to Tijuana a few times a year to repair or build new homes for the poor, to an organised schedule of over 50 construction projects a year building a variety of well designed houses, classrooms, community centers or other building projects. Over the same time, the structures being built have matured from simple plywood buildings to attractive frame buildings with windows, doors that lock, concrete or raised wooden floors, sleeping lofts, a small kitchen area and gabled roofs. Although simple and unadorned compared to our Canadian homes, this is a life-changing moment for those who have been living and raising their children in dilapidated shacks.

But for my three fellow Rotarians and my husband who joined me on this trip, it was also a life-changing experience. We came to see, feel and understand how truly blessed our lives have been. For me, it was the epitome of why I wanted to join Rotary.

I was very honoured last year when the men and women (yes, there are five of us now) of the Club asked me to take on the role of president for 2007/08. The most rewarding part of my installation was having all five of my children there. My eldest son and his girlfriend live in England and came for a visit, so we timed the installation for then. With them were my three other sons and my husband, making it a very special moment.

And with all that caring and support surrounding me, I shared with the Club my theme for this year: *familia*.

### Clubs Keep Changing Locations

Please let the PAJ editor know about changes!

#### Rotary Club of Monroe, WA

Boys and Girls Club of Monroe  
816 Village Way, Monroe, WA  
(across the street from the Monroe Senior Ctr.)

### The Traveling Rotary Wheel Float



Harv and Larry Jubie bring the big wheel to the Kila Ha Ya Days parade in Snohomish on Saturday, July 22nd.

It is passing by the Snohomish Rotary club’s snow cone trailer.



PDG Dave Robinson

### Report on the 2007 Rotary International Council on legislation

It was my pleasure and honour to represent the Rotarians of D5050 at the 2007 COL held in Chicago in April. Over the six-day period, we considered, debated and voted on nearly 350 Proposed Resolutions and Enactments. I personally spoke against 3, and one of my presentations was reported on the RI web site and later recorded in the PAJ. In the end, 97 items, 59 of which were enactments that change the RI constitution documents were adopted. All policy changes take place on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The final results of our deliberations can be found on the Rotary web site. Today, I would like to provide you with some of the changes that affect membership administration and possibly our district going forward. Each adopted enactment is identified by number so you can easily locate it in the Report of Action.

#### ATTENDANCE

The club board can cancel a club meeting for commonly recognized holidays.

Club members are required to attend or make up 50 percent rather than 60 percent of regular meetings in each half of the Rotary year.

07-334 Assistant Governors are excused from the requirements of attending at least 30 percent of their own club's regular meetings in each half of the Rotary year.

#### CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Rotaractors who have ended their Rotaract membership within the preceding two years and have been accepted into a Rotary club are exempt from paying a club admission fee.

07-57 and 07-330 Clubs can elect Rotary Foundation alumni into active membership even if the classification of the alumnus is filled.

Clubs can elect into active membership people with good reputations in the community who have demonstrated a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary through personal involvement in local affairs.

#### DUES

07-283 RI per capita dues will be US\$ 23.50 per half year in 2007-8, \$24.00 per half year in 2008-9, \$ 24.50 per half year in 2009-10, and \$ 25.00 per half year in 2010-2011. Dues will remain at \$ 25.00 per half year until changed by the council on Legislation.

07-287 For each new member, clubs will pay prorated per capita dues until the beginning of the next semiannual period for which dues are payable. The amount payable for each full month of membership will be one-twelfth of the per capita dues.

#### THE FUTURE OF D5050

There were two Resolutions that were defeated that could have a long lasting impact on our district depending upon future decisions of the Board of directors.

By way of background there are 34 Zones in the Rotary world. Each is intended to have approximately 30,000 Rotarians. Districts form part of Zones. In D5050, the Canadian Clubs are part of Zone 22 and the US based Clubs part of Zone 23. With the changes in Rotary membership that have occurred since the 34 Zones were adopted in 1995, based on the criteria of 30,000 Rotarians, there appears to be two too many Zones in North America. Recent efforts to realign the Zones have failed including Proposed Resolutions at the COL.

The other matter that will likely affect us was a Resolution I spoke against (I was given one minute and was the only one allowed to speak against the Resolution) was that a district could only belong to one Zone. This not only affects D5050 but 13 other districts with clubs in Z22. That Resolution passed.


At its June 2007 meeting, the Board agreed to review both of these issues. It has been proposed that a committee comprised of past, current, and directors-elect (to ensure all 34 Zones are represented) will make recommendations to the Board early next year and if adopted, the plan will be circulated to Rotarians via the web site for their input. It is expected the final plan will be adopted in June 2008.

I won't speculate on the outcome, but I suspect we will be gaining some new Rotary friends.

#### SUMMARY

If you would like further information on other matters considered at the COL that may not be readily available on the website, please send me your questions to [dbrobin@uniserve.com](mailto:dbrobin@uniserve.com). Please be sure to put "Rotary" in the heading.

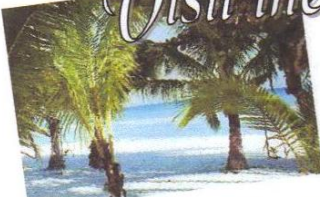




Rotary  
Group Study Exchange

# Visit the Philippines

As part of a  
Rotary Group  
Study Exchange



If you are a business or professional person between the ages of 25 and 40 and would like to travel to the Philippines on a cultural and vocational exchange, we'd love to hear from you!

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International sponsors Group Study Exchanges each year. In February 2008 a team of young professionals, led by a Rotary Team Leader, will travel to the Philippines for a 4 - 6 week vocational and cultural tour.


Rotary provides a round trip airline ticket, accommodations with host families, meals and group transportation while in the Philippines. Team members are required to pay for incidental personal expenses.

If you meet the following criteria and would like the opportunity of a lifetime, we want to hear from you:

- Between 25 and 40 years of age
- Live or work in Rotary's District 5050
- Willing to promote international goodwill
- Physically able to meet rigorous travel schedule for 4 - 6 weeks
- Are not related to a Rotarian
- Willing to speak about your experiences when you return

Application Deadline: September 10, 2007  
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<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrG/home/storyitem.asp?cid=657&iid=16412>

Thanks to J. Clifford Grant, a member of the Rotary Club of White Rock for the following photographs taken during the July 24, 2007, official visit by District Governor John and Maxine Bosch.

### District Governor Given a White Rock



Club President of the Rotary Club of White Rock , Jack Rae, presented DG John with an engraved stone that was done by a club member, Ves Vukovic.



(left to right) Assistant Governor Christiana Flessner, Betty & Jack Rae, and DG John and Maxine Bosch



**Youngs Receive Special Recognition**



(left to right) Delwen Stander , Mary & Charlie Young, and PDG (2006-2007) Rod Thomson.

During a meeting of the Rotary Club of Chilliwack, Charlie and Mary Young were presented with letters from Rotary International President (2006-2007) Bill Boyd and PRIP Bhichai Rattakul congratulating them for their many years of service to District 5050 and their Chilliwack club.

Charlie wrote the tune, *Sow the Seeds of Love*, that he performed for Bhichai when he was the RI President in 2002-2003.

**District 5050 Club Membership and Attendance**

As reported on July 17, 2007, by Bert J. Monsma, District Secretary

Total Membership:	May 31, 2006:	3,093
	May 31, 2007:	3,054
Decrease (-) of 39 members		
Total member change in month:		
	May, 2006:	+ 7
	May, 2007:	+ 25
Average club meeting attendance:		
	May, 2006:	71.11%
	May, 2007:	72.68%

The top 5 clubs for attendance for the 11 months YTD to May 31, 2007 were:

1. South Everett-Mukilteo 93.73 %
2. Chilliwack 88.56 %
3. Marysville Morning 85.09 %
4. Abbotsford-Matsqui 83.91 %
5. Whatcom County North 83.34 %

**Stanwood-Camano Island's Successful Rocking Chair Auction**



A couple of photos of the very attentive bidders for the princess chairs and the rocking bull.

Congratulations are due to the members of the Stanwood Camano Rotary Club for the outstanding results of our auction this past week-end. Preliminary figures show a gross income of over \$68,000! This is a much higher amount raised than from any other auction or fundraiser in club history. The event was a great success; people had fun and we made money. This type of fundraiser depends on participation by all of the club members. Jack Myles and Terry McTigue provided the leadership and the club members came together to make this our best auction ever. We were able to build on the previous auction successes and momentum generated by the committees and those that helped get us to this point. To all club members, thanks for your "Service Above Self" in doing what it takes to put on this labor intensive fundraising event. It has generated the funds necessary to make a real difference in our community, and collectively in our world.

*Note: The above information was originally in their club bulletin.*



**Build Your Club Membership Team**

Draw each member into a club-wide brainstorming session to hammer out a membership plan and to make themselves into a membership team. Invite suggestions and points of view. Arrive together at a plan - and specific goals -- that every member understands, believes in and commits to. Reinforce team-building and a unified vision for membership development. Stephen Covey says, "If you say let's work as a team, but then think independently and authoritatively and make unilateral decisions, you won't build a team."

*Source: Membership Action Line, Zone 31 & 32 Membership Team, July, 2007.*