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Hello Rotary

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of you who attended our District 5050 Foundation Dinner, November 9th, in Langley B.C. We had a great dinner with a silent auction. We honored Bequest Society members, enjoyed a great program presented by Director Monty Audenart and had home movies (a slide show from the DG). A great time was had by all. I also want to extend my thanks to PDG Rob Martin, District Foundation Chair for preparing the evening, to AG Ron Goldfinch for the Silent auction, Linda Murray, District Administrator, for registration and to all of those who helped out.

In the very near future I will be sending out requests for nominations for District Governor for the year 2010-2011. The time allowed for the selection process has now been increased so as to include the entire Rotary year. "Districts should seek out and nominate for the office of district governor the best qualified person through procedures not influenced by a system whereby the nomination is by tradition rotated among various groups of clubs or geographic areas." Your Club Presidents will be receiving the ballot information very soon.

This is Foundation Month and I wanted to pass this on to you from our RI President, Wilf Wilkinson: "As Rotarians, we give generously, yet we gain so much more: the pleasure of helping others, the satisfaction of knowing that we're doing the right thing, the joys of fellowship and friendship. As club members, we gain the global power of Rotary in our service – the power of more than 1.2 million Rotarians all over the world, each a potential partner in our projects." Please remember to continue your contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

As always please let me know if I can be of service, jb@jabcojanitorial.com.

District Governor (2007-08) John Bosch

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Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar



January
19
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Vancouver
B.C.

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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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WWW.district5050.org

A newer member of our club, brought a 'baggie' and suggested that we pass the baggie around the room and people just put some spare change into the baggie. The person 'left with the bag' is the one who takes whatever money is in there and sometime before the next Rotary meeting, does a "Random Act of Kindness". I have asked everyone to write their story and you have read what has happened so far. It really is an amazing idea and it is exactly what Rotary is all about. We hope to continue with this each week and I will add to our web page as these events happen (below is an anonymous example.)



*By Linda Balzer, Editor of The Golden Spike,
The Rotary Club of Port Moody's weekly newsletter*

A Random Act of Kindness

“Last week we collected \$24.97 for our kind deed.

I was in Harrison on a girl's weekend and we went into the Harrison Hot Springs Antique store, where an 82 year old man who had retired from Port Moody, was running his shop and raising his six year old grandson all by himself. This little boy named Phoenix was playing with a toy and sitting on his grandfather's lap, having a great time.

I asked the grandfather if I could give the money to the grandson, and he said, ‘Well we really don't need the money, but if you feel you want to do a good deed, you can give Phoenix the money and I will take him shopping, and he will buy something for three of his friends at school who have nothing and he can pass on the good deed to three other children.’

I felt wonderful in the fact we were making four little children happy.”

Rotary Club of Surrey-Guildford Supporting Community Safety



Club President Catherine Levan is shown presenting a \$9,000 check to Jim King, the Executive Director, Surrey Crime Prevention Society (SCPS), toward the purchase of a used van.

The Rotary club heard about the critical need for a van in July, and rallied to raise the funds for the new van in six weeks. The SCPS staff reported that they are thrilled that they will have safe transportation to and from their events now. The Rotary club of Surrey Guildford would like to thank the Surrey Crime Prevention Society staff as well for making our neighborhoods a

safer place to be.

The SCPS was informally organized in 1981 and incorporated as a Registered, Non-Profit Society in 1984 as a non-profit society providing crime prevention and safety programs for the community in traffic safety, child and family safety, public awareness, business crime prevention and employee safety.

Their web site is: www.surreycrime.bc.ca



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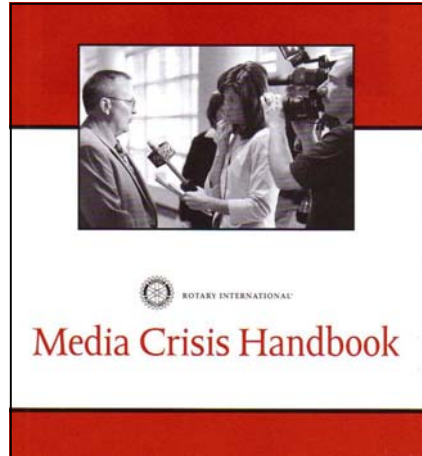
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How prepared are you to be ready when the media calls?

An effective media crisis plan is based, first and foremost, on the principles of truth, transparency, and sincerity. Nothing in your club's media crisis plan should compromise, or appear to compromise, these key principles.

The *Media Crisis Handbook* is a new, small, eight-page Rotary International publication. It provides basic steps to assist in preparing

Rotary clubs and their leaders in the event of a potential crisis situation. It recommends, as an example, "contact the Rotary International Public Relations Division (847-866-3245 or 847-866-3237) immediately if you think that the issue could spread beyond the local press and attach the attention of regional, national, or international media.

This is a free publication, 515-EN-(507), that can be ordered online at the Rotary International website listed below:

http://shop.rotary.org/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=437

The following is information received from PDG Chris Offer, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (2008-09)

Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar - Zone 22 (west)

Saturday, January 19, 2008, Vancouver, B.C.

Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond

This is a unique opportunity to join Rotarians from nine districts at the Zone 22 Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar, including western Canada, Alaska and the Pacific Northwest of the USA. Rotary Zone 22 (West) includes Districts 5010, 5020, 5040, 5050, 5060 5080, 5360, 5370 and 5550.

Cost: \$50 US/CA before January 1, and \$60 after that date.

Like most Rotarians, you joined your Rotary club to help improve the quality of life in your community and make a difference in the world. For more than a century, Rotary clubs have been providing vital service within their local communities throughout the world. Their achievements are the result of dedicated member action and participation.

Sean Allen, Major Gift Advisor with The Rotary Foundation will be at the seminar. The keynote speaker has not been confirmed as of this printing.

The seminar will be an opportunity to update Rotarians on changes in Foundation programs or policies and outline goals for the upcoming year; emphasize the benefits to Rotary clubs and Rotarians.

Information: www.RotaryEvents.ca

September Report on District 5050 Membership and Club Meeting Attendance

The information has been provided by Bert Monsma, District Secretary

- Total number of members in District 5050 as at September 30, 2007 was 2,962 (versus 3,001 as at September 30, 2006).
- District membership decreased by 10 members (net) for the month of September, 2007 (versus a net decrease of 5 members in September, 2006)
- Average Attendance for the District for the month of September, 2007 was 73.14% (versus average attendance of 71.34 % for September, 2006)

No. of Members	2005	2006	2007
June 30 th	3,005	3,084	3,006
July 31 st	2,986	3,023	2,984
August 31 st	2,992	3,006	2,972
September 30 th	3,011	3,001	2,962

% Attendance	2005	2006	2007
June 30 th		67.30 %	71.90 %
July 31 st		70.87 %	69.16 %
August 31 st		68.30 %	68.82 %
September 30 th	73.18 %	71.34 %	73.14 %

A fantastic increase/improvement in attendance percentages year over year and over previous month, keeping in mind August is always the lowest month for attendance. I have heard from 15 clubs with their October, 2007 numbers, and the good news is we are up three (3) members for the month of October, 2007.

CLUB ATTENDANCE:

The top 5 clubs for attendance for the month of September, 2007 were:

1. South Everett-Mukilteo	100.00 %
2. Chilliwack	95.20 %
3. Abbotsford-Matsqui	88.00 %
4. Anacortes	87.50 %
5. White Rock-Peace Arch	86.20 %

The top 5 clubs for attendance for the 3 months YTD to September 30, 2007 were:

1. Chilliwack	87.73 %
2. Port Coquitlam Centennial	85.73 %
3. Monroe	83.67 %
4. Mount Baker	82.00 %
5. White Rock	81.87 %

The following clubs had attendance of less than the required 50 % during the month of September, 2007:

Nil/Zero/0

**Our Annual District 5050 Rotary Foundation Dinner
November 19, 2007 - Langley, B.C.**



The Head Table

(L to R) Bill Murray, John & Maxine Bosch, Rod Thomson, Graham Thomson (Rod's son and new Rotarian), Monty Audenart, Bev & Dave Robinson, and Linda Murray.



Pictures on the right: The beautiful buffet and the room full of Rotarians and friends observing DG John Bosch sharing photos of his official visit back home.



PDG & District Foundation Chair Rob Martin and the host for the evening.



DG John Bosch, Ambassadorial Scholar Christina Kirkley, and Maxine Bosch



DG John, PDG Monty Audenart, & PDG Dave Robinson

District 5050 Giving to TRF Annual Fund (2006-07): \$663,672
Per Capital Giving by District Rotary Clubs
#1. Marysville: \$656.17 #2. San Juan Island (Friday Harbor): \$620.00 #3. Stanwood Camano Island: \$325.62

See additional Foundation Dinner information on page 6

Annual District Rotary Foundation Dinner (continued from page 5):

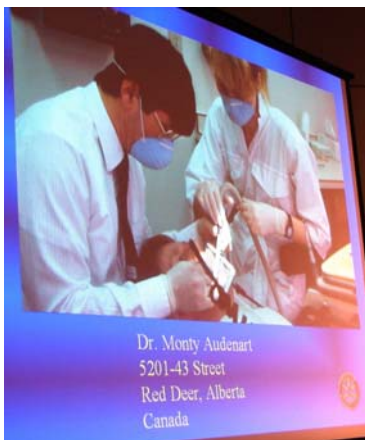


PDG Chris Offer spoke about the Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar in Vancouver, B.C. on 19 of January, 2008. See page 2 for registration information.

Recognition for becoming members of The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society

Standing with PDG Monty Audenart, and PDG Dave Robinson, are Bruce Kleeberger, unidentified woman, and Bert Monsma

Ambassadorial Scholar Christina Kirkley shared her experience at Stellenbosch University. It is located north of Cape Town, in the famous wine growing area of South Africa. She is returning to South Africa in two months.



Monty Audenart, Past District Governor (D5360, 2000-01) and Rotary International Director for Zone 22, shared the ways in which Rotary has touched his life and that of his family. In order to attend the Foundation dinner he flew in from Corpus Christi, Texas, knowing that he had to return immediately after dinner.

He was born and raised in southern Alberta, Canada and received his Doctorate in Dental Surgery in 1977. Monty said that he was taught the concept of service by his mother, who was a volunteer. He experienced neighbour helping neighbour when his mother got sick. They brought food to his home and helped his father with the farming tasks. He learned the importance of *servicing in the time that we have*.



Monty gave a slide show presentation demonstrating his many experiences traveling for Rotary and volunteering his service as a dental surgeon in many places around the world. The middle photograph above shows people lining up to receive dental care. His team performed 800 extractions in just over a month. He told the story of a boy who kept showing up eager to get his teeth fixed. The boy had a small boat that he used to follow the group. The dental team did take care of the boy's needs.

Monte shared his joy in being able to have a daughter travel with him and observe what Rotary means to the lives of people. She is pictured on the left with small children and in the above photo with a group of Rotaractors in Peru.



Photograph taken by Bob Knight in 2006

***May this season of joy
Find peace in your heart,***

***May we give thanks
For the gifts we receive,
And for the gift of Rotary
Shared around The World.***

As I send you this early edition of the December Peace Arch Journal

Merry Christmas and A Wonderful New Year!

Bob Knight, Editor