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Hello Rotary,

I just returned from a club visit to Centralia, WA. where Assistant Governor John Piazza and I delivered \$7,000.00 to the Lewis County Rotary Foundation to aid flood victims in the Centralia area. These people were devastated by floods 8 weeks ago and still are not back in their homes. The money was donated by the South Everett-Mukilteo Rotary, Sedro Woolley Rotary, Mount Vernon Rotary, and Skagit (Mount Vernon) Rotary Clubs. Please note the article and pictures by AG John Piazza (page 3) in this edition of the PAJ. We went to the Centralia Club's meeting and were greeted very graciously. I personally wanted to express that District 5050 shares their loss as I presented them with the clubs' checks.



Help by Rotarians is like a rainbow after a tragedy!

These are very, very busy times for Rotary. Our District Trainer Carol Tichelman has been busy organizing the programs for our upcoming Pre-Pets on February 16th, PETS on March 7th - 9th, and District Assembly, April 12th. It takes a lot of work to put on these training sessions, and we hope to see a large turnout of our Presidents-Elect, not only at their Pre and PETS training sessions, but also at District Assembly. District Assembly is also important for members who will hold Club Board and Chair positions. We have some outstanding training sessions with wonderful presenters. Just to name a few: District Secretary Bert Monsma, District Treasurer Jodi Widmann, District Administrator Linda Murray, District Trainer Carol Tichelman, District Foundation Guru PDG Rob Martin and many others... all with information you need to know... I believe you will find it a very rewarding experience. You may register for the District Assembly today on the District web site.

Most recently, on January 26th the District leadership met for a training seminar in Bellingham. This was the first one like this in some time for the District. It included the Assistant Governors, District Committee Chairs and our DG, DGE, DGN and Immediate PDG. This was a wonderful exercise. We all learned a lot and promised to continue this event annually. All of this, as well as many other positive training programs, are the direct work of our District Trainer Carol Tichelman (past president of the Chilliwack Rotary Club). Carol, you have my deepest gratitude for performing above and beyond your duties in this District. Thank you so very much for all that you do.

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

District Governor 2007-2008 John Bosch

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Late Edition of the PAJ!

My desk top computer quit as I was working on the February edition...along with photographs and saved articles. I have been told that it was just the "mother board". I am thankful for the lap top I received on my birthday.

Bob Knight, Editor

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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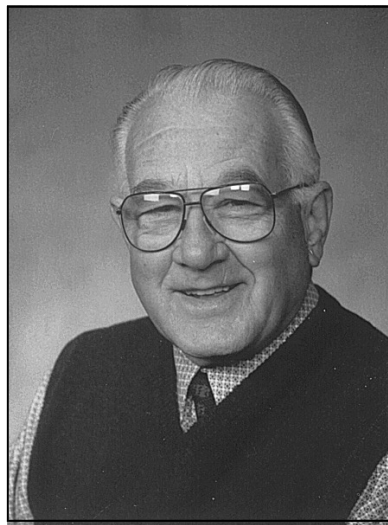
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In Remembrance
Past District 5050 Governor (1988-89)
Fred George

It is with immeasurable sadness that we announce the death of Frederick John George, our gentle and steadfast husband, father and grandfather who passed away on the 27th of January 2008 with his family by his side.

Born on 17 June 1933, Freddie was raised on the family farm on Chilliwack Central Road and introduced to business as a young teen delivering milk at sunrise for the 'Jersey Dairy'. Married in 1956, Fred and Pam settled in Chilliwack in 1959. Fred accepted a sales position with Wheeler Realty, the beginning of

a long career in the property industry that included enterprises as Fred George Realty, Don-Fred Holdings and Fred George, Notary Public.

A dedicated member of the Rotary Club since 1973, Fred was President of the International Travel & Hosting Fellowship in 1997-98, Governor of District 505 in 1988-89, President of the Chilliwack Club in 1981-82 and the 'Godfather' of the Chilliwack/Fraser Club, established in 1983. In all aspects of his life, Fred embodied the principle that 'he profits most who serves best'.

Fred is survived by his wife Pamela; daughters: Constance Martin, Carol George and Cathie Yamashita (Kevin); son, Richard George (Shannon); granddaughter, Bridget Olver (Jordan); and grandsons: Matthew Yamashita and Michael Martin. He was predeceased by his parents Fred and Ada, brother Dick and sister Molly.

Our thanks go to the doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists and staff of the Chilliwack General Hospital for their kindness and compassion.

(Note: The above notice was provided by the family to the Chilliwack Progress, Chilliwack, BC.)

District Governor John Bosch has expressed the sadness that we feel with the passing of PDG Fred George, noting that, "We will miss him a lot!"

As part of the conclusion to a Four Avenues of Services citation statement it was noted that Rotary has been a huge influence on the lives of Fred and Pam. It has taken them around the world, built friendships for them, given them untold opportunities to serve, and allowed them to personally represent their wonderful home, Canada.

He has served on almost every committee in our (Chilliwack) Rotary Club, is a past President, a past District Governor, and has always been active international Rotary activities. He is also a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. In all his vocational pursuits, Fred consistently exemplified the concepts set out in the Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions.

Fred often said, with awe, "I have been so amazed that all my life I have been surrounded by such good people, giving me great opportunities and influencing my choices. Thanks, Rotary!"

Report dated February 6, 2008

ROTARY MAKES A DONATION TO FLOOD DEVASTATION IN CENTRALIA, WA

Article and photographs provided by Assistant Governor, John Piazza

Today at a Centralia Rotary Club meeting, John Bosch, District 5050 Governor and John J. Piazza, Assistant Governor of District 5050, delivered a check totaling \$7,000 to help out the Rotary members of district 5020. The funds were donated to their Tri City Rotary Foundation made up of three separate clubs: President Melody Nelson attended for the Centralia Club, President Kathy Brack attended for the Chehalis Club, and President Leon Bowman attended for the Twin Cities club.



Rose Bowman, who is the Country Treasure as well as the Treasure of the Foundation, was able to pull all the groups together for the photos included of the devastation....far beyond what the media showed on TV. President Robert Alexander Governor Elect of 5020 was on hand to receive the checks. The funds were donated by the Rotary clubs from Mount Vernon noon, Mount Vernon morning, the Sedro-Woolley, and South Everett-Mukilteo.

A big thanks to all of you.

If any other clubs wish to help out with donations, feel free to call me for donation suggestions (John Piazza at 360 661 1332) or contact Chris Heck, President Elect for the Twin Cities club, at check@venture-bank.com.



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B. C.'s Lieutenant Governor Promoting Literacy

The following is from a January 13, 2008 copy write article by reporter Jeff Rud, that appeared in the Sunday edition of the Times Colonist (Victoria).

B.C.'s new lieutenant-governor, who credits a single book with changing his life, has designated literacy as one of the major themes of his term at Government House.

Steven Point plans to concentrate on early childhood literacy and to do what he can to ensure that more reading material for preschoolers makes its way into B.C.'s most remote communities.

"The place to begin a change is in the beginning," Point said. "The availability of early-learning children's books is essential. Many of our remote communities lack these vital tools." Point has asked the Government House Foundation to help improve literacy "by collecting as many children's books as possible and to create a distribution program through the assistance of local community service organizations such as the Rotary."

Literacy B.C., a non-profit organization that has supported literacy and lifelong learning in the province since 1989, is pleased that Point has taken this on.

An estimated 40 per cent of B.C. adults do not have the literacy skills they need "to achieve their goals, to function and thrive in the modern economy, and to develop their knowledge and potential," the organization says. About 60 per cent of urban aboriginals in B.C. have low literacy. Point is the province's first aboriginal lieutenant-governor.

"We're absolutely delighted that the lieutenant-governor has flagged this up as an item that people really need to think about and work on and we're looking forward to doing anything we can to help them out," said Mark Campbell, manager of policy and communications for Literacy B.C. "Literacy makes all the difference to children's futures and especially preschool readiness. The reading habits in the home and the amount of reading you do before you get to school are the strongest predictors of your success in school. It's the essential skill." Besides helping to distribute books to remote communities, Point also hopes to emphasize the importance of reading in B.C. homes.

After being appointed to the vice-regal post by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in September, Point told the Times Colonist that one book changed his life. Reading a biography of U.S. legal legend Clarence Darrow inspired him to earn his law degree and later become a provincial court judge. Point wants all B.C. children to have a chance to benefit from reading. During a New Year's Day levee speech at Government House, he told the crowd that everybody should do his or her part. "Associated with the provision of the books, I hope to encourage families and community members to sit with the children, read to them, encourage development," he said. "Get into the local library, take your children and grandchildren. Volunteer to read to them. Pay attention to them."

The specifics of Point's efforts to improve literacy in B.C. are still being worked out, said Victoria lawyer John Waddell, president of the Government House Foundation. "The lieutenant-governor's intention is to focus on the pre-school years -- ages one to six or seven," Waddell said. "It's his initiative, but the Government House Foundation will essentially be helping to fund it and to oversee how it's carried out." Campbell acknowledged that there is a need for more books for young children in B.C. Last month, Literacy B.C. accepted a donation of 15,000 books from Scholastic Canada, distributing them to family literacy and early learning programs around the province.

PAJ Editor's note:

The District 5050 Rotarian who has been very active in promoting literacy programs in B.C. is Public Librarian Rhian Piprell, a member of the Rotary Club of Mission A.M. She is an excellent resource for suggestions regarding literacy projects. She can be contacted by email at: rpiprell@library.coquitlam.bc.ca.

Rotary District 5050

Membership & Attendance: December 2007

Ordered by: Club Name



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Rotary Club of...	Meetings Held	Attendance			Membership			
		This Month %	Rank	Year to Date %	Rank	Start of Year	Present	Change
Abbotsford	3 of 3	73.91	26	68.00	37	70	69	-1
Abbotsford-Matsqui	3 of 3	99.00	4	84.17	6	26	28	+2
Abbotsford-Sumas	3 of 3	75.00	23	70.26	31	29	29	-
Aldergrove	3 of 3	88.50	=7	79.17	13	28	29	+1
Anacortes	3 of 3	86.00	9	82.75	7	58	60	+2
Arlington	4 of 4	63.00	45	60.50	49	69	70	+1
Bellingham	3 of 3	72.09	=30	69.53	33	178	182	+4
Bellingham Bay	3 of 3	58.01	49	56.07	54	108	110	+2
Bellingham Sunrise	4 of 4	79.00	=17	68.33	36	41	42	+1
Burlington	4 of 4	73.88	27	73.97	23	79	69	-10
Burlington Mid-Day	3 of 3	78.00	20	76.17	17	37	31	-6
Chilliwack	4 of 4	83.20	14	88.87	1	190	190	-
Chilliwack Fraser	4 of 4	75.60	22	75.35	19	82	83	+1
Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	2 of 2	70.83	33	67.80	38	62	60	-2
Cloverdale	3 of 3	65.00	42	68.33	35	20	20	-
Coquitlam	3 of 3	84.57	10	67.12	40	46	49	+3
Coquitlam Sunrise	3 of 3	100.00	=1	70.18	32	31	31	-
Everett	3 of 3	69.00	=36	67.66	39	200	195	-5
Everett-Port Gardner	3 of 3	61.00	=46	62.00	48	49	43	-6
Fidalgo Island	3 of 3	69.11	=36	63.90	45	53	47	-6
Haney	3 of 3	66.00	=40	63.55	46	41	43	+2
Hope	3 of 3	66.70	39	70.34	29	14	13	-1
La Conner	0 of 0	80.00	16	79.33	12	43	45	+2
Lake Stevens	4 of 4	88.00	=7	76.67	16	48	44	-4
Langley	4 of 4	51.61	53	56.74	53	33	31	-2
Langley Central	3 of 3	74.64	24	71.23	28	78	81	+3
Langley Sunrise	3 of 3	74.10	25	74.20	22	21	18	-3
Marysville Morning	0 of 0	68.00	38	73.17	=25	24	21	-3
Marysville Noon	0 of 0	73.00	28	75.83	18	79	77	-2
Meadow Ridge	3 of 4	57.36	=50	59.61	51	42	43	+1
Mission	3 of 3	92.71	6	84.47	5	30	32	+2
Mission Midday	3 of 3	83.33	13	77.09	15	29	24	-5
Monroe	0 of 0	100.00	=1	87.33	=2	31	31	-
Mount Baker	3 of 3	79.00	=17	80.67	10	53	58	+5
Mt. Vernon	3 of 3	72.00	=30	73.00	=25	45	47	+2
North Delta	4 of 4	57.00	=50	69.00	34	38	38	-
North Whidbey Island Sunrise	3 of 3	77.00	21	74.50	21	22	25	+3
Oak Harbor	3 of 3	66.00	=40	60.50	50	105	101	-4
Port Coquitlam Centennial	3 of 3	72.84	29	85.19	4	24	27	+3
Port Moody	3 of 3	70.00	34	65.31	42	55	52	-3
San Juan Island (Friday Harbor)	3 of 3	56.00	52	64.17	44	28	27	-1
Sedro Woolley	4 of 4	72.00	=30	64.50	43	97	95	-2
Semiahmoo (White Rock)	3 of 3	84.00	11	79.42	11	61	58	-3
Skagit (Mount Vernon)	4 of 4	98.00	5	82.50	8	69	69	-
Snohomish	4 of 4	60.00	48	66.00	41	21	22	+1
South Everett-Mukilteo	3 of 3	100.00	=1	87.00	=2	63	63	-
South Whidbey Island	3 of 3	69.68	35	72.78	27	66	70	+4

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Surrey	3 of 3	61.00	=46	57.50	52	27	23	-4
Surrey-Guildford	0 of 0	0.00	54	63.25	47	28	27	-1
Whatcom County North	3 of 3	81.25	15	78.88	14	68	63	-5
White Rock	3 of 3	83.85	12	82.39	9	66	65	-1
White Rock Millennium	3 of 3	64.58	43	73.38	24	34	32	-2
White Rock-Peace Arch	3 of 3	78.89	19	74.53	20	28	30	+2
Totals						3006	2974	-32

No report received from:
Rotary Club of Surrey-Guildford

Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge

This is a historic moment in Rotary's history. A new partnership has been forged between Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to provide US\$200 million toward our priority goal of a polio-free world. This challenge grant is one of the largest given by the Gates Foundation and it represents a tremendous validation of Rotary's goal-oriented, business model approach to polio eradication. The Gates Foundation has agreed to lend its support to polio eradication advocacy activities as an important part of its relationship with Rotary.

Q. What are the terms of the grant?

A. The Gates Foundation has awarded The Rotary Foundation a \$100-million grant, which Rotary will match, dollar-for-dollar, over three years. The RI Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Trustees have unanimously agreed to accept this challenge grant at a critical juncture for the polio eradication initiative, which needs an infusion of funds to reach the eradication goal. For this reason, the initial \$100 million will be distributed by The Rotary Foundation through grants to the World Health Organization and UNICEF in direct support of polio immunization activities in 2008.

Rotary has committed to raising \$100 million of new funds over a three-year period beginning 1 January 2008. Rotary's new PolioPlus fundraising effort, known as "*Rotary's US \$100 Million Challenge*" will be formally launched 1 July 2008 and be completed 31 December 2010.

More Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge Q. & A. in the March, 2008, PAJ

POLIOPLUS IN AFGHANISTAN



In the mountainous region of Kamadaca a few kilometres from the border, WHO Afghanistan polio supervisors consult with vaccination team leaders on the phone to monitor how the campaign is progressing. More than 70 teams are working in this area alone.

A child from a nomadic family receives polio vaccine in a settlement in Kabul. Nomadic communities are at high risk for polio. They regularly move both within the country and across the border, and often live in areas that lack access to clean water and sanitation. Vaccination teams formed within the community help increase vaccination coverage among nomadic people.



POLIO-UPDATE

We are clearly making progress. The four endemic countries count for most of the new cases of polio last year, They are considerably fewer than this time this year and are restricted to pockets within those countries.

Total cases	Year-to-date 2007	Year-to-date 2006	Total in 2006
Globally	992	1902	1997
- in endemic countries:	897	1783	1869
- in non-endemic countries:	95	119	128

2007 is the year with the lowest-ever recorded incidence of WPV1 polio, with 293 cases reported, compared to 1,616 for the same period in 2006

More than 50% of the new cases have occurred in India, with Nigeria's new cases down by 80% from 2006. There has been a bit of bounce in Sudan and in the Democratic Congo Republic—both difficult to immunize in these days.



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