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Message from Our District Governor



Hello Rotary,

Well, we are off and running! Maxine and I have had the opportunity to come to many clubs in June and perform the Installations of the Club Executive Officers and Board of Directors. Many thanks to those of you for your warm receptions.

Maxine & John Bosch

As we all know by now the President of Rotary International, Wilf Wilkinson, has given us our new theme this year, "Rotary Shares". How very appropriate the new theme is! We all know that Rotary Shares its Time, Rotary Shares its Talents, Rotary Shares its Money, Rotary Shares its Kindness and most importantly Rotary Shares its Love!

On behalf of District 5050 I would like to thank District Governor Rod Thomson for a job well done this past year. It has been a pleasure working with you. Thanks for your dedication to Rotary and to your district.

Starting July 16th Maxine and I will begin our club visits and look forward to meeting with you all. We will be staying overnight few times during these visits and will be staying in hotels instead of the gracious offers of home stay with many of you. We sincerely appreciate your offers to open you homes to us, but we need the down time to catch up with work and to prepare for the next day.

We will be seeing you very soon.

Thanks very much for your support this Rotary year!

District Governor (2007-2008) John Bosch

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Coming in August, 2007



A Working Trip to Guatemala

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.

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The Changing of the Guard

Leadership roles are changing throughout District 5050 and the world of Rotary International as we say goodbye to 2006-2007 and welcome 2007-2008. During two Rotary club meetings on Friday, June 29, 2007, Rod Thomson installed the new club boards for South Everett-Mukilteo and Snohomish. The District Governor's *Home Club Banner* was transferred.



Rotary Club of South Everett-Mukilteo



Rotary Club of Snohomish



Maxine/John Bosch and Rod/Cathy Thomson

Editor's Note: Copies of the three editions of *The Harrison Hotsheet* can be downloaded at www.district5050.org thanks to the work of Bob Groeneveld (conference newsletter editor) and Kurt Pregler (web master). Below is a continuation of the photographs and notes reported in the June, 2007, edition of the *PAJ* (page 8).

District 5050 Conference 2007 - Additional Notes

Beginning on Thursday...

More responsible journalism, the HotSheet editors refuse to claim responsibility for the photos on this page, which were graciously provided through the assistance and cooperation of Wayne White and Ted van Halbeek.



DG Red Thurston and RI Pres. Rep Terry Clark.

Copied from *The Harrison Hotsheet*, Saturday edition, pages 1 & 2, by Bob Groeneveld

Some of the presenters on Friday



Penny LeGate, who regularly anchors the Saturday morning broadcasts on Seattle television station KIRO 7 Eyewitness News, shared her view on “Rotary: The Best Kept Secret.”

Utilizing her 30 years of broadcasting experience, Penny presented film clips (see photos on the right) from her many foreign travels documenting the work of Rotary International. She commented that “eradicating polio is not about charity, it is about justice.”



Marian Bunch, who lost her son Jerry (see mother and son on the right) to AIDS, spoke about how she decided to move away from her depression and toward action. With the encouragement of past RI President Jonathan B. Majiyagbe she formed a Rotary Action Group (RAG), Rotarians for Fighting Aids, Inc. (<http://www.rffa.org/>).

Marian spoke of the many different ways in which HIV/AIDS has been transmitted in the different geographical areas around the world. “We must educate our young people...don’t people (understand?).” She said that there are 17 million orphan children in Africa, projected to be 25 million by 2010. “we are all an accident of birth...this is a disease of women and children.”



Annual membership with RFFA is \$20.00.

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Dr. Kent Keith, the author of the Paradoxical Commandments, which he wrote and published in 1968 in a booklet for student leaders, spoke on *Servant Leadership*. He noted that there are two models of leadership: the power model (focus on self) and the service model (focus on others). Kent recommended that we "love people, help people, live ethically, and don't be attached to material things."



PDG Terri Clark, with her husband Marty, attended as the representative of RI President (2006-2007) Bill Boyd. She joined Rotary in 1992 and is a member of the Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise, California (District 5130). She and DG Rod Thomson were club presidents at the same time.

During one of her presentations, PDG Terri reflected upon the four Avenues of Service and Membership. She said that we need to look out for our long term members, and club presidents need to call people who have missed a meeting.



Dr. Emery Dodsall (left), Deputy Minister for the British Columbia Ministry of Education, spoke of the importance of literacy for children and adults. He reflected on *Read Now BC* and the way the B.C. is coordinating with Governor Chris Gregoire in Washington.

Display boards (center) were available for attendees to view between sessions.

David Dotson, MSW (right), Executive Director of the Dollywood Foundation, spoke about Dolly Parton's The Imagination Library, which mails books to 375,000 children each month through their first five years (60 months) in Canada and the U.S. There are currently 50 Rotary club involved. Dolly Parton has been invited to speak at the 2008 R.I. Convention in Los Angeles, California.

Friday night Luau



Hawaiian Feast & Langley Ukulele Ensemble

Saturday night Governor's Ball



All the best pictures of Rod have Colly in them.



Changing of the guard - figuratively, and literally



**Stephen Miller
Rotary Club of Fidalgo Island, WA**

2007-2008 District Simplified Grant Chair

Rotary Experience: In 1984, a dentist friend took Steve to an **Anacortes Rotary Club** meeting and a second passion was born. During 21 years of membership he served on the board, as chair of various committees and then as club president for not one (1988-89) but two (2002-03) terms.

Steve engineered a multi-club matching grant to build some bathrooms for an elementary school in India that had none. Building baseball fields, a local Rotary Park, hosting GSE teams and a number of Rotary Exchange Students enhanced

Steve's Rotary experience. Then, he served as his club's Foundation Committee chairperson until 2005 when a change in his work caused him to switch to the **Fidalgo Island Rotary Club** to take advantage of their morning meeting. There he serves on the International Committee and as the chairman of the club's Foundation Committee. In 2006-07 and 2007-08, Steve volunteered to chair the District Simplified Grants sub-committee of the District 5050 Foundation Committee.

His real passion was a marriage of his desire to help others internationally and his specialty surgery skills. Since 1999, he has gone on four medical missions to Guatemala, one to Venezuela and two to Vietnam, the last four of which were as the team leader. Rotary clubs at home and in the host countries have been involved in sponsoring these medical missions, all done under the auspices of the Healing the Children foundation. He is very grateful for the financial support from his local Rotary clubs. On two of the trips, he took his son, Ryan, who has been active in RYLA, helped form a Rotoract Club at the University of Hawaii (Hilo) and attended the RI Convention in Brisbane.



Steve looking at a child's club foot during a medical mission to Hanoi, Vietnam, March, '07

Vocational Experience: When he entered the University of Alberta, Steve Miller had no idea he would wind up in a unique medical profession, practicing in another country. After three years of premed he turned down an acceptance to the U of A Medical School and opted to teach school in Australia for a year and travel internationally for two and a half years. Upon his return, a Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity brother introduced him to the specialty of Podiatry (Foot & Ankle) and the rest is history.

He became as fascinated with his new vocation as he was with the international world to which he had been exposed. After seven more years of education in the USA, including a two-year residency in reconstructive foot and ankle surgery, he returned to the Northwest and found in Anacortes, Washington a community eager to endorse his skills. In spite of his obscure location, he has written and lectured extensively on his specialty throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australia and Germany. He has been an editor for the *Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association* and the *Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery* for over 20 years and is on the staff of two local hospitals. He also served as President of the Washington State Podiatric Medical Association from 1989 to 1991.

Rotary Club of Chilliwack Fraser Donation of Cardiac Event Monitors



The Rotary Club of Chilliwack Fraser recently donated two cardiac event monitors to the Chilliwack General Hospital for use by the Cardiology Department for diagnosing heart problems. These monitors, which cost approximately \$2400.00 each, are worn by patients for two weeks at a time. During this time, the monitor continuously records data. Any time the wearer detects anything abnormal, a button is pushed which marks and stores the event as well as several seconds of normal rhythms before and after. The patient also keeps a diary of activities. This data is eventually downloaded into a computer and enables the cardiologist to examine it and relate it to the patient's specific physical symptoms. This in turn allows the cardiologist to make an accurate diagnosis of the particular heart problem and prescribe appropriate treatment. These devices are so much in demand that they are both in continuous use by members of the greater Chilliwack Community served by CGH.

Shown in the picture is cardiology technologist Sherry Deyoung demonstrating the Cardiac Event Monitor on Rotarian Past President Fred Feistmann. Looking on is Vicki Raw, Executive Director of the Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation. The Foundation exists to receive funds for purchase of special items of equipment to benefit the members of the Chilliwack community. Rotary is especially pleased to make funds raised in our community available for this kind of project.

Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from a letter by Shannon McMahon, an Ambassadorial Scholar from San Diego (District 5340), which was forwarded by PDG/DFC Rob Martin. She can be contacted by email at smcmahon81@hotmail.com

Ambassadorial Scholar Found Need for Flexibility

I'm the Ambassadorial Scholar from San Diego who studied in Turkey. I'm happy to talk about my year in Istanbul. To be honest, of all the outbound scholars, I was perhaps the least excited. I had wanted to study in Beirut, Lebanon, and report as a journalist out of the Middle East. My plans changed at the 11th hour, and I found myself heading to Turkey: a country I didn't really know whose people spoke a language I had never heard. I couldn't freelance stories as easily, and I didn't know what to make of my decision or my year. Then I arrived here.

On a campus overlooking the Bosphorus strait and Asia's front door, I enrolled in courses on political theory and international relations. In the spring I studied Islamic art and architecture, as well as archeology. I traveled in Egypt and Jordan and all along Turkey's Aegean and Mediterranean coasts. I've seen more of this world's archaeological wonders than I had ever imagined, and even better, I know how to appreciate them.

Back in October, I began teaching refugee children from the Middle East and Africa who are living illegally here in Istanbul. They hold UNHCR cards, but the Turkish education system will not admit them, so we teach them as much as we can. Through this work, I learned how to write grant proposals and pull at peoples' heart strings to get school supplies. Perhaps my greatest accomplishment was a project I worked on with Rotary.

Last January I presented (in Turkish, my new favorite language) to a Rotary Club in Istanbul. I learned about social needs here in Turkey, and kept in close contact with San Diego's Rotary club to have information about funding opportunities. By chance, I heard about a new Rotarian in San Diego who wanted to fund a project for blind students. I contacted him to find out what funds were available, the scope and size of possible projects, and how I could help. I met with Rotarians in Turkey, particularly my host mentor, and facilitated an e-mail introduction. Hundreds of e-mails and many meetings later, I can say that within the next year or two every Center for the Blind in Turkey will own a Braille Embosser and the necessary equipment to operate it—thanks to a partnership between Rotary San Diego and Rotary Istanbul. Through this project, I've learned what Rotary is all about—seeing a HUGE need, saying, "I can do that," and moving forward in a way that will forever change real peoples' lives.

I'm flying to Jordan next week where I will work with at-risk youth (the risk being that they will become terrorists) and learn hands-on about international development. I'll finally be able to use a little Arabic. I always thought my passion was journalism. Now I wonder if helping people more directly is really what I'm all about (teaching refugees for the past year gave me quite a look at the effects of war). I'm seriously considering studying international development or peace and conflict studies next year.

Let me say to the outbound scholars: you many know exactly what you're looking for right now. If so, great. If not—if you're like me and your plans change or do not fall into place—rest assured, your year will still be extraordinary. Top bit of advice: get to know your host mentors. Chances are they are very well positioned in the community, and they will happily help you learn about the opportunities you can have with Rotary. Try to implement a lasting change in your host country.



Shannon (left) with Deeb, a Palestinian refugee who she taught for the past few months in Istanbul.

Not Everyone in Need Has a Brick

A successful man known for his philanthropy was driving his new car through a poor part of town. He'd driven the route hundreds of times before on his way home.

A young boy tried to flag him down. The man was in a hurry and didn't want to get involved, so he pretended he didn't see him. The traffic signal turned red, though. As he slowed for it, he heard a loud thud. The boy had thrown a brick at his car! The man burst out of the car and grabbed the boy. "You juvenile delinquent!" he screamed. "You'll pay for this or go to jail!" "I'm sorry, mister," the boy cried. "My mom's lying on the floor in our apartment. I think she's dying! Our phone's been cut off and I've been trying to get someone to stop. I didn't know what else to do! Take me to jail, but call a doctor for my mom first." The man was filled with shame. "I'm a doctor," he said. "Where is she?" The grateful boy took him to his apartment. The man administered CPR and called an ambulance.

"Will she live?" the boy sobbed. "Yes, son, she will," the doctor said. "Then it's worth going to jail. I'm so sorry I hit your new car. You can take me in now." "You're not going anywhere," the doctor said. "It was my fault you had to throw a brick to get my attention."

The doctor made sure the boy was taken care of, and as he drove home he resolved not to fix the dent. He would keep it as a reminder that not everyone in need has a brick to throw.

Source: Taken from Michael Josephson's Character Counts Network (Week 519). For information on Michael Josephson refer to his website: <http://www.charactercounts.org/>



*The Rotary Club of La Conner Presents
A Gala Evening of Great Food and Wine*

**“Harvesting Hope”
Dinner and Auction To Benefit Education and Literacy**

Saturday September 8, 2007

*Hope Island Inn by the Sea
16842 Chillberg Avenue, La Conner, WA 98257*

This is your invitation for an opportunity to join in a "boutique auction", featuring one of a kind event packages.

- Packages will include unusual, interesting, and “bragging rights” venues not usually available to the general public.
- The dinner will be held at the unique and colorful Hope Island Inn by the Sea, with spectacular waterfront views and elegant grounds.
- For your pleasure, a fabulous and delectable cuisine will be expertly paired with scrumptious Northwest wines.
- All monies raised this night will be dedicated to funding local scholarships and literacy projects, such as those for the La Conner Regional library and dictionaries for all third grade students in the La Conner School District, as well as our District 5050 mobile library project in Guatemala.

The cost is \$75.00 per person (including a \$30.00 donation) - Our 501(c)3 non-profit foundation application is pending.

*Reservations by 15 August 2007
Festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. ~ Dinner at 6:00 p.m.*

For information contact Lee Carlson at 360-466-0127 or email at leedee17340@msn.com

Reservations may be ordered by sending a check to:

The Rotary Club of La Conner
PO Box 2111, La Conner, WA 98257

Arrangements are being made for the use of VISA and MasterCard



District 5050 Annual Golfun - Friday, August 17, 2007

Come and support the District's major fundraising event for The Rotary Foundation.

**Homestead Golf and Country Club
115 E. Homestead Blvd., Lynden, WA 98264, USA**

Enjoy a sunbathed afternoon of golf, followed by dinner and prizes, at the beautiful Homestead Farms Championship Golf Course and Resort.

- **Sign up a foursome now** - Only 36 foursomes were available, so book this date and organize your teams early
- US\$1,000 hole sponsorships will entitle you to Paul Harris Fellowship recognition, either for yourself or to award.
- Cost - Golf, including banquet, is US\$110.00 per person. Check In (11:30 a.m.) Tee Time (1:00 p.m.)

Register online at: <http://www.district5050.org>

To reserve a golf cart (not included in the fee) call the Pro-shop at 1-800-354-1196 (ext. 2)

Membership Action Line from the Rotary Zone 31 & 32 Membership Team

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CHICAGO - Ways to bring in new members to Rotary and keep the family of Rotary growing were key themes during the first full day of voting at the 2007 Council on Legislation in Chicago, where representatives from 530 Rotary districts around the world gathered to discuss and vote on more than 300 items that affect all Rotary clubs. Council members plowed through some 60 items - from meetings and attendance to club administration and membership.

- The final item of the day (07-329) proposed that clubs can bring in community leaders who have "demonstrated personal involvement in community affairs and a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary." This proposal generated overwhelming support and ended the day on a positive note, as Rotarians looked toward the future. "Today, we have added a comma here and an extra word there, but now is the moment for Rotary to really move ahead," said Past RI President Clifford L. Dochterman in support of the resolution.
- The item, which passed 440 to 53, recognizes the importance of local volunteers who have "lifetimes of experience to offer Rotary," said Brad Howard, representing District 5170, which includes the Rotary Club of Cupertino, California, USA. This club had proposed a similarly worded enactment (07-328) about the role of community leaders who have demonstrated through their leadership they would make active Rotarians. The enactment was inspired in part by the Cupertino club's successful New Models for Rotary Clubs pilot project, which used the criteria to bring in active new members.
- A resolution (07-35) to request the RI Board to terminate a club with fewer than 10 members failed. **David Robinson, representing RI District 5050, spoke in opposition**, recounting the story of a club in that district that rose from just 11 to more than 25 active members. "That club went on to become the fifth largest per capita giver to The Rotary Foundation in the district," said Robinson. "When a club's membership dips to 10 or below, it's not the time to give up on the club, but to offer resources to help them grow."

New TRF Canada Fulfillment Coordinator:

Wanda Versteegh



We are pleased to inform you that as of the new Rotary year, The Rotary Foundation Canada will begin issuing PHF recognition awards (Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, etc.) from the Canadian Office in London, Ontario. This will improve the service to Canadian Rotarians, which is our primary goal.

Canadian clubs should continue to mail PHF related donation cheques to:

The Rotary Foundation (Canada)
Box B9322
P.O. Box 9100, Postal Station F
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3A5, Canada

For follow up on the PHF awards and recognitions:

Contact Wanda Versteegh, TRF Canada Fulfillment Coordinator

Email: TRFCanada.Fulfillment@rotary.org

Delivery of a Wheelchair



Christiana Flessner, AG and Chair, Rotary District 5050's Wheelchair Projects, delivers the wheelchair the Rotary Club of Mount Vernon 'won' at the District 5050 Assembly. She said that, "It was really well received and the Rotarians enjoyed being there!"



Notes from District 5050 Rotary Club Websites

Bellingham Reported by Susan Zoller

Mary Robinson received the David C. Morse Community Service Award, named for a recently deceased member who served the club faithfully for 64 years, and who set a remarkable standard of community service throughout his lifetime. The award was presented by Jan Marchbanks. Mary was honored for her longtime service to this community, including serving 27 years on the Whatcom Educational Credit Union board of directors, where she was, among other responsibilities, board chair for three terms and vice-chair twice. In addition, she gave 24 years of service to the St. Luke's Foundation, including chairing the Allocations Committee which has the responsibility to review and recommend requests for major donations, primarily capital improvements. And, Mary was honored for giving tirelessly of her time, energy, and leadership to the Bellingham YMCA for almost 40 years.



Mary Robinson receives David C. Morse Community Award from Jan Marchbanks

North Delta Reported by PDG Gary Hollick, who had listened to a presentation at the 2007 R.I. Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, where, praising Rotarians for their "mind-boggling efforts" to "dramatically change millions and millions of lives," honorary Rotarian William Gates Sr. called on Rotarians to "think big" and finish the job of polio eradication.



"Now, due mostly to your astounding, 20-year campaign, the world is right on the brink of eliminating polio entirely," said Gates, the co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, closing the third plenary session Tuesday in the packed Salt Palace auditorium.

Just moments before Gates gave his speech, Foundation Chair Luis Glay and 2006-07 President William B. Boyd presented Gates with a Polio Eradication Champion Award

William Gates Sr Gates, a retired Seattle attorney and father of Microsoft founder Bill Gates, introduced himself as "just a guy from the little town of Bremerton, Washington. Yet somehow, I have spent the last decade traveling around the world, thinking about monstrous problems."

Since its inception in 2000, the Gates Foundation has helped fight polio alongside Rotary, contributing US\$150 million to the polio eradication initiative.

"All the money in the world doesn't matter if it isn't spent the right way," Gates said. "[Rotary] gives people a way to convert their resources into results for the people who need them most." He recounted how his connection to the polio fight began early on, in the days prior to the introduction of the Salk vaccine and following the 1952 polio epidemic in the U.S., when his wife was pregnant with their first child.

"It is almost impossible to fully appreciate how successful Rotary has been in fighting that disease . . .and Rotary sets an example as one of the finest organizations on the planet . . . an army of activists who place Service Above Self."

Rotary Foundation Grants Seminar Saturday, July 21, 2007 - 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Hall at Hampton Inn - Bellingham Airport
3985 Bennett Drive, Bellingham, WA

This seminar will present an overview of the grant programs available through the Rotary Foundation and provide assistance and guidance in filling out the applications. This seminar is important for clubs that think they will participate in the grant programs during Rotary year 2007-2008. Registration of \$30 US includes lunch and refreshments.

Register online at <http://www.district5050.org>