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November is The Rotary Foundation Month District 5050's Annual Dinner on November 9

Hello Rotary,

Over the last two months I have attended the Zone 22 & 23 Institutes that our International District is associated with. At the same time our DGE Larry Stinson and DGN Larry Jubie have attended Governor training secessions. I am pleased to report that DGE Stinson has graduated from our 2 Zone training secessions and Maxine and I were very proud indeed to escort Larry and his wife Karola at the graduation ceremonies. We will provide pictures of these events for your review.

Our Membership Chair (Gene Vickers) and Public Relations Chair (Barrie Seaton) just concluded two very good training seminars in these subjects, that were very well attended. This year we decided to present one in Canada (Port Moody) and one in the US (Burlington). I believe this worked out quite well considering the high attendance at both of the seminars. I would like to send thanks and congratulations to Gene and Barrie for their wonderful work.

I have now completed all of my official District Governor visits, treated warmly and with great reverence. As you can see from the picture of my official visit to my home club of South Everett-Mukilteo, great reverence was not exactly the case. I was placed on a "throne" (more like a water closet, if you know what I mean) and asked to give my wonderful speech sitting on the "throne". Many of you who came to witness this debacle had a great laugh at my expense! Well, I am here to tell you that it was worth every penny of my pride! Needless to say I was very worried what my home Club had prepared for my official visit and sure enough I had a good right to be worried. As I tried to present my words of wisdom, smoke and foul sounds came from under the "throne" as I spoke. It was all in great fun, and, believe me, I will remember it for the rest of my life! I am still a proud member of the South Everett-Mukilteo Rotary Club, as long as they will have me!



I look forward to showing you some of the pictures from the "sitting Governor roast" at our District Foundation Dinner coming up very soon on November 9th in beautiful Langley, BC. Please find the easy Foundation Dinner registration link on our District 5050 web site (www.district5050.org). I look forward to seeing you all there. Until that time, 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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WE GIVE THANKS !!



Courtesy of PDG Chris Offer, by an unknown artist

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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Thank you for the honor!

Thanks to you and your support of my efforts in editing the monthly District 5050 newsletter, *The Peace Arch Journal*. My computer continues to open me up to the wonderful world of Rotary and individual Rotarians.

I was invited to become a Rotarian in May, 1998, by the late Dick Frohnen, incoming president of the Rotary Club of Snohomish, WA. I was invited to become the editor of the *PAJ* in May, 2003, by incoming district governor Rob Martin (PDG 2003-04). At the time I had no understanding of the gifts that I was to receive.

Thank you for the articles, such as the one below, and for your recommendations. Let me know if you would like me to add a *Letters to the Editor* page.

Bob Knight, Editor email: rdkpdk@aol.com

Container of Wheelchairs to Merida, Mexico

Article and photographs provided by Walter Sussek

The Rotary Club of Chilliwack Fraser recently completed "Project Wheelchair" in conjunction with the Wheelchair Foundation of Canada. Over 360 wheelchairs at \$110.00 each, a total of \$39,600, was funded by the membership in partnership with local schools, businesses, other Rotary groups and individual members of the community at large.



Spearheading the project were Rotarians Allen Clapp and Al Harniman who put in countless hours organizing the project. In May of this year, the project culminated in a journey to Merida, Mexico, to distribute a container load of 280 wheelchairs; which arrived directly from the factory in China. These wheelchairs are manufactured to specifications developed by the Wheelchair Foundation of Canada and are designed to travel over rough ground encountered in undeveloped areas rather than the smooth pavement we enjoy in our own towns and cities.

The contingent of Allen Clapp, Al Harniman and Rhonda Sturm traveled at their own expense to Merida, where, with members of the local Rotary club, Rotario de Motul, the wheelchairs were distributed to both disabled and destitute people of all ages.

On their return, the trio expressed their profound sense of being overwhelmed by the depth of gratitude expressed by the recipients of the wheelchairs. This project was deemed a total success in the spirit of Rotary. The remaining 80 wheelchairs representing the "over the top" success of the club wheelchair project will be given to another Rotary club, with the Assistance of the Wheelchair Foundation of Canada, to be distributed in another deserving part of the world

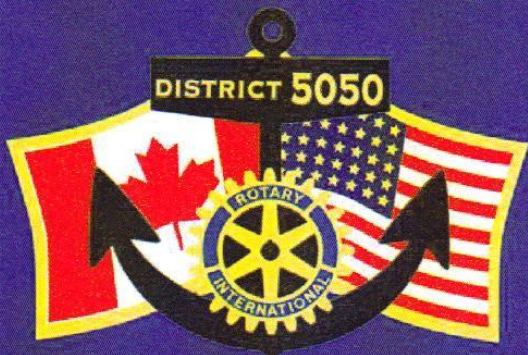


Charlotte Martin, Al Harniman, Rhonda Sturm, Christiana Flessner, Allen Clapp

The photo of Al Harniman & Allen Clapp, with a wheelchair recipient, is by Rhonda Stumb

Rotary District 5050
2008 Conference

*“Welcome
Aboard”*



Rotary Shares –
Through Goodwill,
Friendship and
Service

May 15–18, 2008 • Everett, WA

Invitation to District 5050 Rotarians

To support our 2008 District
Conference- you, your club, and
your business are invited to
sponsor our youth involvement,
service project, and special
events!

A contribution of \$500 or
above will be recognized in
our program, on wall signs
and from the podium.

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Please complete form below and  
return before February 15, 2008.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name/ Business/ Affiliation (this is how you will be recognized in print)

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Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Donation amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed

Bill to Charge Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp date \_\_\_\_\_

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**District 5050 Foundation Dinner on Friday, November 9, 2007**

Langley Coast Hotel and Conference Center, 20393 Fraser Highway, Langley, B.C.

For hotel reservations: Call 1-800-716-6199. We have no block of rooms; however, the cost should be about \$115 per night.



Register NOW for the Foundation Dinner [www.district5050.org](http://www.district5050.org), where you can find information and directions to the hotel. There is room for over 200 Rotarians.

Cost: \$60CD per person

Fantastic buffet dinner: Several salads; including organic, Caesar, Greek, and Asian noodle salad, potato,

mushrooms, beat and pasta: deli meats, such as ham, turkey, roast beef and corned beef, panache of salmon, shrimp, cod, scallops in saffron cream; baron of roast beef; select vegetables and russet potatoes; plus the chef's famous dessert bar of cakes, pastries, mousse, bars and squares of various sorts.

Cocktails: 5:30 p.m. Dinner and Program: 7:00 p.m.

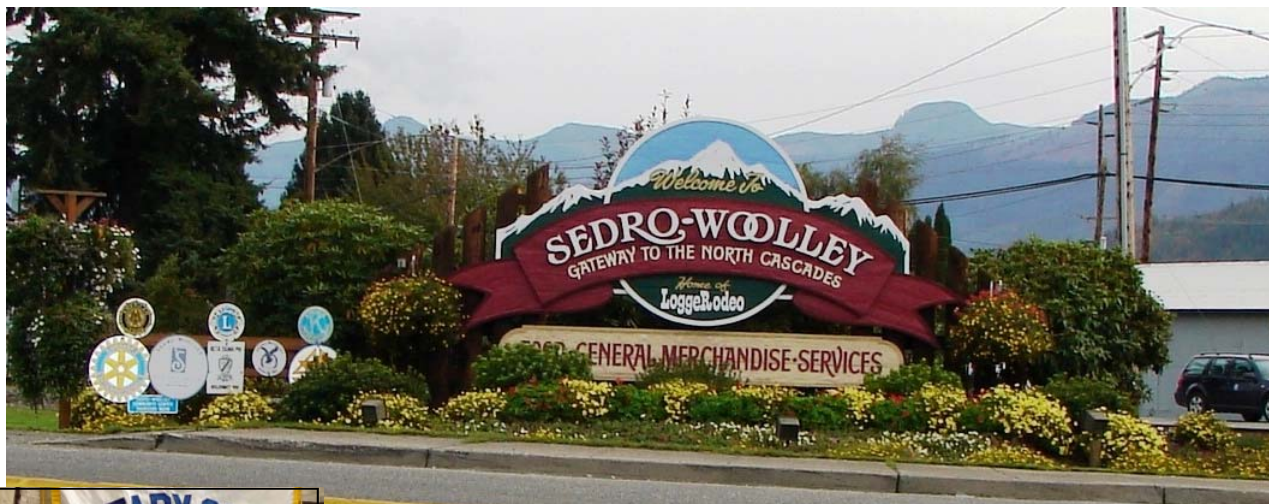
The Foundation Dinner is a time for Rotarians from across District 5050 to gather in fellowship and to hear reports on the many of the projects that clubs participated in during the 2006-07 Rotary Year. Last year there were 25 Paul Harris Society Members in attendance (Rotarians who have pledged to donate \$1,000 per year to The Rotary Foundation).

We are fortunate to have PDG (D5360, 2000-2001), and Rotary International Director for Zone 22, Monty Audenart, to speak on his experiences with International projects and get a renewed sense of the activity of our Rotary Foundation. Born and raised in Southern Alberta, Monty received his Doctorate of Dental Surgery in 1977 from the University of Alberta. He is a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy of Dentistry, and the International Academy of Dentistry. As a Rotary volunteer he has taken his professional skills to the less fortunate of the world through Rotary sponsored projects; to Mexico, Jamaica, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Thailand, from Peru to the Canadian Arctic. He is the Founder of the International Fellowship of Rotarian Dental Volunteers (now a Rotarian Action Group). Monty and Liz Audenart are Charter members of the Rotary Foundation Bequest Society. They are parents of six children and have five grand children. Liz has been honored as a volunteer in her community.



**Eleven Married Couples  
The Rotary Club of La Conner**

(1 to r) John and Virginia **Dugaw**, Richard and Irene **Johnson**, David and Cindy **Tracey**, Gary and Tamera **Tollefson**, George and Sherry **Kynl**, John and Marge **Milnor**, Dan and Carol **Cain**, Lee and Dee **Carlson**. Front Row - Don and Danya **Wolf**, Connie and Dennis (President) **Milliken**. Not pictured: Barney and Heather **Bourns**.



**Brock D. Stiles (Katherine)  
Rotary Club of Sedro-Woolley, WA**

**Club President in District 5050 (2007-2008)**

Brock has been married to Katherine for 19 years. They have two children: Sarah and Jonathon. Sarah is a first year student at The Art Institute of California – San Diego in the fashion marketing program. Jonathon is a junior in high school and a member of the jazz band and Japanese Club.

Brock is a graduate of the University of Washington with a political science degree, and of the University of Willamette College of Law. He returned to Sedro-Woolley to join the law practice with his father William, and brother Brian. He became a member of the Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club in 1989, and was sponsored by his brother Brian. “I remember being introduced as a new member of the club and looking around the room seeing many of the business people from Sedro-Woolley I had looked up to growing up as a kid. It was a very special moment when I realized I was joining a club with so many distinguished members of the community. At that time, the Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club had already established itself as a club that got things done, and I felt it was the best way to give back to the community. Joining the club is one of the best things I have ever done.” In addition to Rotary, Brock is a board member of the Sedro-Woolley Schools Foundation.



Brock served as club secretary from 1992 to 1995. He has also served as chairman since 1994 of the Rotary committee sponsoring The Great Sedro-Woolley Footrace, which takes place every year on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The club members organize the race, handle registration, serve as traffic control, and provide refreshments. Last year, over 530 runners participated in the event. Brock has actually run in (see above insert) the event the past three years, clocking in at 17 minutes 58 seconds for two miles.

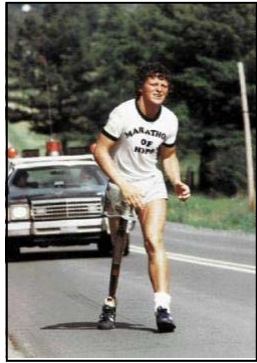
**Comments by the traveling PAJ Editor:** As you should know, I enjoy and want to encourage all Rotarians to visit other clubs and to learn from each other. So on October 11, 2007, I traveled to Sedro-Woolley. Their Rotary club, which has 93 members and meet at noon lunch in a community center, have lots of fun. They take great pleasure in thinking of ways to gather money from each other.



We were entertained by honorary club member Norman Curtis (left side insert) by a song something about (I think) a fox and a goose. There was an important presentation by Ellen Johnson and Angie Wilkerson about a new digital mammography system at the local hospital.



**Information at:** <http://www.unitedgeneralhospitalfoundation.org/digital-mammography.php>

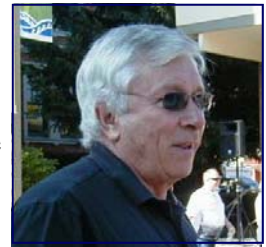


**Terry Fox**

**A close shave for cancer research**

Written by Barrie Seaton, District 5050 Public Relations Chair

Terry Fox was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and grew up in Port Coquitlam, B.C. During his childhood and teenage years he was an avid sports fan and participated in many sports. In 1977 Terry was feeling pain in his right knee and very soon after was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a form of cancer that strikes men between the ages of 10 and 25. At that time the only way to treat this condition was to amputate his leg several inches above his right knee. As he was going through treatment after the amputation, Terry made a commitment to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. His plan was to run 26.2 miles a day on his prosthetic leg (no one had ever done anything similar to the task Terry undertook).



**Barrie with hair**

Terry was unable to finish his run. X-rays showed that his right lung had a lump the size of a golf ball and his left lung had another lump the size of a lemon. On September 1, 1980 just north-east of Thunder Bay, Terry was forced to stop his run after completing 3,339 miles or about 23.3 miles a day. Just one month shy of his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday on June 28, 1981 Terry developed pneumonia and passed away. Since his death the Terry Fox Run has gained international attention, and runs are held in most countries around the world to raise funds for cancer research.

This year a new twist was added to the Terry Fox Run activities. Many Canadians raised funds for cancer research by participating in the Great Canadian Head Shave. Charter President Barrie Seaton from the Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam answered the challenge, raised over \$4,600.00 in donations to the Terry Fox Foundation and had his head shaved on Friday September 14, 2007, along with Terry's parents, his brothers and sisters, and others from the Port Coquitlam community. When asked why he agreed to have his head shaved, Seaton said it is difficult to say no to the Terry Fox Foundation. I met Terry just before he had to stop his run, and he has been a lifetime hero to me ever since. After all, losing my hair is nothing to what Terry lost"



**Barrie sans hair**

**Update Your Club Meeting Directory**

**Rotary Club of Stanwood/Camano Island**



Stanwood/Camano School District Administration Building

**Visit their Wednesday noon meetings**

Enter the large board roan from the back.

26920 Pioneer Highway, Stanwood, WA

Located just northwest of 268 St. NW (Hwy 532)  
4.8 miles west of Interstate 5

**District 5050 Club Membership and Attendance  
Reported by Bert J. Monsma, District Secretary, on 10-21-07**

Total Membership: August, 2006: 3,006  
August, 2007: 2,972  
Decrease (-) of 34 members

Total member change in month:  
August, 2006: - 17  
August, 2007: - 12

Average club meeting attendance:  
August, 2006: 68.30%  
August, 2007: 68.82%

The top 5 clubs for attendance for the 2 months YTD to August 31, 2007 were:

- 1. Monroe 85.50%
- 2. Chilliwack 84.00 %
- 3. White Rock 81.68%
- 4. Whatcom County North 81.64 %
- 5. Mount Baker 80.50%

Only one club had attendance of slightly less than the required 50% during the month of August, 2007.



*Reconnect. Engage. Celebrate.*



# Rotary Alumni Celebration

*13-14 June 2008*

A preconvention event of the  
2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles, California, USA



Alumni are important members of the family of Rotary. Keep them connected to Rotary by participating in this first Rotary Alumni Celebration.

Attendees will hear prominent speakers, participate in stimulating workshops, and enjoy networking opportunities — all for just US\$25 for convention registrants. A reception will be held in their honor.

Districts are encouraged to send at least one former scholar and one former Group Study Exchange team member to this event. Interested alumni should contact their Rotary Foundation alumni coordinator.

Find additional details, including the registration form, at [www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2008](http://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2008).



The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

*Note: Foundation alumni from 2000 through 2008 are eligible to attend the convention at a reduced fee.*

**Rotary District 5050**  
Is seeking out dedicated Rotary Leaders for the position of:



**Assistant Governor**  
(Must be Past Club President)

Please submit your name  
and Rotary bio to:

DGE Larry Stinson  
lstinson@bakernewby.com

**Position of Assistant Governor**

Assistant Governors (AG) are appointed to help the Governor with club and district administration, and to provide a resource to clubs and club presidents. In District 5050 we have ten (10) AGs who serve up to three one-year terms, at the discretion of the incoming District Governor.

Eligibility requirements include successful service as a Club President for a full term and willingness to undertake the duties and responsibilities of an AG. For more information refer to the RI website:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/RunningADistrict/DistrictLeaders/Pages/AssistantGovernor.aspx>

**Membership/Public Relations Seminars**

The District 5050 seminars were held at two venues: Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, on October 13 and the following Saturday at Burlington, Washington.



**Seminar Leaders**

Gene Vickers, Gale Acker, PDG Dave Robinson & Barrie Seaton



**A very attentive audience  
In Port Coquitlam, B.C.**



**From Abbotsford-Matsqui: Past President Robynne Healey, current President Vicki Raw, and President-elect Aird Flavelle**



Barrie Seaton  
Public Relations



Gene Vickers  
Membership



They all yelled out: **“Go Rotary!”**



PCP Jon Dominy  
Share our story!

Peter Cuthbert, President of the Rotary Club of Port Moody, reported in the October 24, 2007, edition of his club’s newsletter, *The Golden Spike*, that the “District 5050 Membership and Public Relations Seminar...was both informative and interesting. To my surprise our very own Past President Jon Dominy was a speaker. Jon was mainly speaking on the merits of attracting new members by having clubs active and prominent in our communities. He cited the success of the ‘Face of a Caring Community’. Peter noted, in reference to Jon’s presentation, “initially meant as a fundraiser...the spin off undoubtedly attracted new members, who now actually know what Rotary achieves. It is a surprising fact that a large portion of the public does not know what Rotary is about! It is up to us...”



## Formation of District 5050 Operations Group for WATER, HEALTH & HUNGER Projects (“WHH DOG”)

Based upon an article by Don Anderson, Committee Chair

**Challenge:** Some 6000 children die every day, victims of water-borne diseases that are entirely preventable. Ready access to pure water can usually be provided to a village or local community at reasonably low cost with available technology, and brings enormous improvement in health -- especially for the children.

**Purpose:** Our Water Health & Hunger District Operation Group (“WHH DOG”) is being formed to promote and assist local Clubs in obtaining funding for and accomplishing these worthy projects. To some extent we are modeling our work of information sharing after Denver’s District 5450. They have established a District Water Task Force to assist clubs in putting together and funding pure water projects. You can visit their web site at: <http://www.rotary5450.org/water/index.htm>.

**Rotary International** has established the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group (“WASRAG”) to coordinate and assist local clubs in addressing the challenge: “Rotarians working to improve Life and Livelihood through the provision of Safe Water and Sanitation”. Visit their web site at: <http://www.wasrag.org/aboutus.php>.

**Example:** My own club (Everett-Port Gardner), together with a neighboring club (South Everett/Mukilteo) and a Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation, partnered with the Rotary Club of Polana in Maputo, Mozambique to provide a local water drilling organization (APAS, a certified NGO (non-governmental organization) in Mozambique) with a portable, light weight drilling rig suitable for boring the shallow water wells in the region. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Rotarians here and in Maputo, APAS has made a total of 73 successful boreholes! This work, which now serves over 30,000 people, was started with a Rotarian-sponsored trip in 1995 for initial equipping and training. Yet in spite of frustrations common to remote third-world projects, it has a favorable track record and offers potential for expansion, generating wider sources of support. It is typical of the assistance Rotary so often provides: tapping sources of volunteer talent in local Rotary Clubs world wide, and enabling local projects to become self-sustaining with growing professionalism and success.



**Drilling crew**

**Other Projects:** Many clubs in District 5050 have generated similar, remarkable projects that are boosting health and bringing pure water to needy villages around the world. The projects range from the shallow water boreholes to spring boxes, slow sand filter systems, cisterns with filtration, and larger purification and distribution systems. In addition to pure water, projects have assisted remote villagers with stoves to replace open fires for cooking and heating, and gardening and animal husbandry projects that make a significant impact on health and hunger. Some of these are financed locally with mini-loan co-op banking schemes in parallel, to aid in development.

**Information Sharing:** We want to bring information about these projects to Rotary clubs that are thinking of similar projects and share the experience that others have gained. Any club considering such an international project will have many questions, e.g. “What will it cost, which NGOs can assist by providing expertise and/or on-site management, what are the prospects and procedures for getting additional funding from District or Foundation sources, etc.?” There are many such questions, and answers may be found by hearing what a neighboring club has recently accomplished. It could start by having a speaker to bring a program to your club who will describe their project, the challenges and accomplishments.

**A Request:** The purpose of WHH DOG is to assist you and your club. For a start, we hope to put a spread sheet on the internet that will give pertinent details about all of these projects in District 5050. If your club has such a project, whether completed in the last few years, currently active, or in the planning stages, please email me a brief description at [drdmanderson@msn.com](mailto:drdmanderson@msn.com). We will respond with a questionnaire to collect the information to be shared on the proposed spread sheet.



Don Anderson (on the left) has provided this photograph of him with Mr. Musa Kasonka, Jr., at the drill site of a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant project to bring pure water to a large village in the Chombe Valley of Zambia in 1998.

He said that Musa was, at that time, the International Services Chairman of the Rotary Club of Maluba in Lusaka and he served in the position as his nation’s banking executive, much like the role that Alan Greenspan served in the USA. Musa would monitor the value of the Zambian Kwacha against other primary international currencies, and recommend governing adjustments to try to keep inflation under control!

This is the kind of talent that Rotary brings to the projects that we all work with.

**District Governor John Bosch's Triumphant Return Home**

On Friday, October 19, 2007, our esteemed leader was received in full glory by those who know him the best, and so they honored him in ways that were most befitting a *favorite son*. The trumpets were sounded and maidens rushed to his side. Their *Governator* was safely home following his rigorous survey of his temporary realm.

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*It's the action, not the fruit of the action, that's important. You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power, may not be in your time, that there'll be any fruit. But that doesn't mean you stop doing the right thing. You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result.*

Gandhi

Reference: *A 2nd Helping of Chicken Soup for the Soul*, by Jack Canfield and Mark Hansen