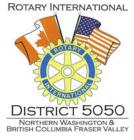


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Message from Our District Governor

Hello Rotary,

I would like to introduce to you, our new District Administrator, Linda Murray. Linda is a Past President of the South Everett-Mukilteo Rotary Club and is a very experienced and well educated Rotarian, besides being a multiple Paul Harris fellow. I am very proud and extremely pleased to have her on our team. Linda is ready to assist our Clubs with any inquiries that may arise and be of assistance in any way she can. Welcome aboard Linda! Her email address is linda@evergreensecurity.com



Linda Murray

As many of you have heard in my infamous DG speech, communication is such a great part of our Rotary work. I am sad to report that our Internet Communications Officer, Kurt Pregler has retired from his position in our District. Kurt has given our District many, many years of excellent service and has been an intricate part in putting our District web site on the map! Besides all of that he has been a critical aid to many District Governors (including myself) in their efforts to digitally come into the 20th century. Kurt is a good friend and I will miss our camaraderie, via email. Thank goodness Kurt has stated that he will still be around if we need him! Thanks Kurt very much for your excellent service to our District!

I am off to make sure that our District Governor Elect doesn't trip on the stage during his graduation at Zone 22 Institute. Larry Stinson will be finishing his DGE classes in Halifax, Nova Scotia and it will be my wife Maxine and my honor to escort him and his wife, Karola, during his graduation presentation. Each District Governor is in training for two years prior to taking over the District. Our District Governor Nominee, Larry Jubie, will be in Governor Classes as well in Halifax. I will give you all a full report as to whether or not DGE Larry Stinson has graduated with honors. I am positive he will do us all very proud.

Club Presidents, I know most of you do not need to be reminded but please take a look at the Governor Visitation schedule. If the date does not work for your club, please let me know. I look forward to seeing you all again soon! Until that time, keep in touch via email if I can be of assistance jb@jabcojanitorial.com.

DG (2007-08) John Bosch

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Become part of a District 5050 GSE Team like this one from New Zealand

Current applications due by October 5. See page 6 for information.

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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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Presidential Membership Conference at Vancouver, B.C. Sharing the Magic of Rotary

FINAL CONFERENCE REPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE

The Presidential Membership Conference report is available for downloading (*PDF format*) free or you may purchase a spiral bound printed copy for \$10.00 including shipping costs and tax.

RI President Wilf Wilkinson

The report includes the text or synopsis of all keynote presentations, summary of presentations of Success Stories and Best Practices and the findings of all table top discussion groups.

This 50 page report is a valuable resource for club membership committees, district membership committees and all club and district leaders.

This report will build on the foundation of membership growth started at the Presidential Membership Conference.

Click on the following website: http://www.rotaryevents.ca/

District 5050 Delegation to Zone 22 meetings in Halifax, Nova Scotia



Linda & Larry Jubie, John & Maxine Bosch, & Larry Stinson

The above delegation from District 5050 was out in the eastern Canadian province to take part in Zone 22 Governor-elect training seminar and for zone institute meetings. Zone 22 is comprised of Canada, Alaska, Russia East of the Ural Mountains and St. Pierre & Miquelon (a little French Island). The programs lasted from September 10 -16, 2007.

Information and photograph provided by Christiana Flessner

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From Raymond Hyma who is in Argentina

Greetings District 5050!

First of all, my sincere apologies for the delay of this well overdue update! I do have a good excuse though... I've been studying like mad!

I arrived in Buenos Aires in March and have settled in well. The city is very easy to live in and has vast sources of culture and endless interesting places to visit.

The Universidad del Salvador has provided an academically

rewarding programme that, although it is VERY intensive and sometimes borders on the level of insanity in terms of work, has taught me so much in just two semesters. I have taken courses in Conflict Theories and Development, International Co-operation in Latin America, International Law, Negotiation and International Political Economy, just to name a few. This Master of International Relations is divided into two focuses: (1) Security, Peace and Conflict, and (2) Economy, Development and Co-operation. I have chosen the latter in order to examine relations between industrialised and developing countries and how that pertains to international conflict. Studying in a country that suffered a severe economic crisis in 2001, I think there is no better place than Argentina to see the effects of the political economy in action. Having almost completed the second semester, I am preparing for my final semester of classes before I dive into my thesis.

In regards to some Rotary news, I recently had an opportunity to participate at the changing of authorities in district 4910. It was a great occasion to chat with Rotarians and learn about the organisation here in Argentina. As everything else, Rotary meetings are held quite late. It started at about 10pm and finished around 2am!

Well as summer closes for you, my winter is seemingly lingering on. For those of you who didn't hear, it snowed in Buenos Aires for the first time in 89 years!

I'd like to thank District 5050 as always for its support, and I look forward to sharing more stories with you in the future!

Raymond



From Simone Tielesh studying in Australia

Dear Rotarians – G'day!

I have been in Australia for a month now (it's hard to believe the time has gone so quickly!) and am finally adjusting to the time and culture difference enough that I can collect my thoughts and write them down. I had this idea that Australia was just like Canada but warmer – it's not. In fact, it is currently much colder here!!

Let me start at the beginning. The airplane ride was long, but went by quickly because I was excited to reach my destina-

tion. When we landed in Sydney, the flight staff sprayed the plane with anti-other-countrybug-spray, and then after we landed my baggage had to go through Quarantine. I was picked up at the airport by Allen, my host from the Rotary of Beecroft (my club away from home). He was at the airport with a "Simone" sign, which was nice. He drove me around Sydney and within an hour I had seen all the famous sights, the cliffs looking over the harbour, Bondi beach, downtown, the Opera House (pictured above)...

I live in Dunmore Lang College, which is a huge brick residence with over 250 students. It is very much a party residence between the fun loving Aussies, and Americans who are thrilled that the legal age is 18 here. *Continued on page* 7



Dan Denis (Roxanna) Rotary Club of Abbotsford, B.C.

Club President in District 5050 (2007-2008)

Dan has been married to Roxanna for 31 years. They have two children: Stephanie, who is married and lives in Calgary, and Jakki who lives in Chilliwack.

He has told the PAJ that he became a Rotarian in 1980. Due to his federal government career, he has lived in various locations across Canada, and has been a member of four Rotary clubs: Drumheller (Alberta), Abbotsford, (BC), Saskatoon (Sackatchewan), Saanich (near Victoria, BC), and Abbotsford again.

"I joined (Rotary) because I was looking at joining a service organization. I liked the international and local service aspect, the non-racial, inter-denominational, vocational based membership; and the fact that members pay there own way, allowing all of the funds raised to be used for the targeted project or service. The four avenues of service and the four way test impacted me from an early age. My father was a Rotarian, as was my fatherin-law who actually introduced/proposed my membership to Rotary 27 years ago. I have held many club chairmanship positions, including two as International Service, and have always been active on service and fund raising projects.

My favorite memories have to do with Rotary's involvement in Air shows. The Abbotsford International Air show had, until recently, major Rotary involvement and was for me some of the best times and fellowship I've encountered in Rotary. I was then prepared for the Air show activities for the 1998 Victoria Air show, which was totally organized by the five Victoria area Rotary Clubs, and the Saskatoon Air show as well. I find hands on service and fundraising projects enhance fellowship...and that is most meaningful to me, and contributes to membership retention.

Friends and family might describe me as good natured, giving, fair and kind; but also stubborn and focused."



Amy Black (Bob) Rotary Club of Monroe, WA

Assistant Governor for Area J of District 5050

My name is Tracy Black and I'll be 12 years old in 3 weeks. My mom is Amy Black. You might know her. She was President of the Monroe Rotary Club in 01-02 and is the Area "J" Assistant Governor to John Bosch. He's Governor for Rotary, NOT Washington state. That's Christine Gregoire, but you probably knew that. I like to help my mom around the house with chores like folding laundry and feeding our cats. Today when I asked my mom if there was anything I could do, she said, "Sure! You wanna write an article for the Peace Arch Journal?" I think she was joking, but I thought I'd surprise her and write to you.

Last week I had to do a report for school and I named my mom as my hero. She's always doing something, whether it's for her business (she owns the Monroe Baskin Robbins!), or Rotary, or taking my sister and me places (my sister, Taryn, will be 16 in Nov and then she'll get her own Driver's License), or spending time with our dad, Bob. She's been in Rotary since Feb '96 right after their club was started. She said she was tricked into going to a meeting when

another business man invited her to a 'party'. I'm really glad she joined Rotary because we have all learned so many things! I really missed my mom when she went to Italy for six weeks in May. She was the GSE Team Leader and she has a ton of cool pictures! I asked my mom what her favorite Rotary memory was, and she said it was the time the GSE Team from Japan stood up and sang with the Ukelele Band at a District Conference. I wish I'd been there because the way she describes it, it must have been a really rad thing. I hope I can join Rotary when I'm old enough because I want to be like my mom.

Sincerely, Tracy J. Black

Thank you Tracy! Your are what Family of Rotary is all about!



Tracy



Group Study Exchange Team Leaders Recruitment

Do you have what it takes to be a Team Leader?? Then we want you....

Are you ready for an exciting new journey as a Rotarian? Are you interested in being an ambassador for our District? Our Countries? Are you interested in leading a team of young professionals on a journey they will never forget? Are you interested in being hosted by Rotarians in a foreign country and furthering international good will?

Can you take 4 to 6 weeks off of work to travel in 2009/2010?

District 5050 is once again looking for Rotarian Team Leader applications for the Group Study Exchange (GSE) Program. Potential applicants are asked to go to <u>www.rotary.org</u> and click on Rotary Foundation, then Educational Programs, and finally on Group Study Exchange; there you will find a host of information on the Group Study Exchange program as well as an application form that can be downloaded.

The successful applicant will become the Alternate Team Leader and will train with the current GSE Team Leader heading for the Philippines in March of 2008. Although rare in occurrence, the Alternate Team Leader is expected to be available to travel to the Philippines, should the need arise.

Applications will be accepted until 5 pm Friday October 5th, 2007. Applicants need to be available for interviews tentatively set for either October 13 or 14, 2007.

For District 5050 GSE information or to remit your application, contact:

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Golfun 2007 – A Great Success!

By District Governor-elect (2008-09) Larry Stinson, Golfun 2007 Chair

The forecast all week had been for rain, but the gods were smiling on our Rotary golfers at the annual Golfun Tournament which was held Friday, August 17, at Homestead Farms Golf Resort in Lynden WA Blue skies with white fluffy clouds

Registration Table Unidentified golfer, Larry Stinson, Bill Robson, Wayne Weibe & Christiana Flessner

Golf Resort in Lynden, WA. Blue skies with white fluffy clouds and a soft breeze welcomed the 144 registered golfers (a sell-out) and the tournament got underway with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. Competition was fierce but friendly with many teams bringing in

sub-par rounds. The banquet staff at the Homestead did a great job of delivering a ribs and chicken dinner fresh, hot and plentiful to the ravenous golfers following the tournament. Governor John handed out prizes and everyone was on their way home by shortly after 8:00 pm, tired but happy. The Golfun Trophy was captured by the Chilliwack Rotary Club team of Bob Ranesbottom, John Wedler, Erik Hutton and Daryl Porter with the low gross score of 16 under. \$30,000.00 was raised for The Rotary Foundation with



sponsorships coming from Harv and Jan Jubie, Larry and Linda Jubie, Roy Robinson Chevrolet, and the Rotary Clubs of Abbotsford-Sumas, Arlington, Bellingham Bay, Chilliwack, Everett, Everett-Port Gardner, Lake Stevens-Granite Falls, Marys-

ville, Port Coquitlam Centennial, South Everett-Mukilteo, Stanwood-Camano Island, Whatcom County-North and White Rock-Peace Arch Thanks to all who participated

(1 to r) Larry Beyers, Larry Stinson, and Larry Jubie



Pat Hahn & PDG (1991-92) Jim Fallows

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More of the letter from Simone Tielesh

I have found some great people here despite being of a different mindset educationally than most of the residents. Oddly enough, most of my friends are international students. It was so neat being on a harbour cruise and dancing with people from Russia, Japan, Turkey, America, Chile and Mexico. From hating French in school I now LOVE learning languages! I am practicing my Spanish and learning a bit of Russian. That being said, I do have three good Australian friends, and have even been to an Aussie house party. It was a dress up party, and I went as Clark Kent (the top half of a kids superman costume, under my Rotary clothes with my glasses) and was invited to sheep races in the interior later in September!

The thing I like best (this will probably change to 'the weather' but right now it's cold and actually raining) is the birds. There are sulphur crested cockatoos, magpies, kookaburras, beautiful rainbow lorikeets, and a whole range of other ones I can't name. They are all very large birds....and very loud. Rather than singing nicely like robins they screech, not squawk, not call, but screech. They have the lung capacity of a small child (or they might as well) so you can imagine how loud this would be. They especially love 'singing' in the morning...what they lack in voice they make up for in the ability to amuse. The



walk from campus to my dorm takes you through a grove of trees with fruity nuts spaced apart on a grassy field. These birds flock in the trees and on the ground pecking at the nuts, 40 or more in a flock, walking around on their fat little legs (that look just like olden day pantaloons) instead of flying.

I have been involved with Guiding in Canada for almost 15 years, and since being in Australia I have had the opportunity to volunteer with a local Girl Guides Unit in my town. The girls are so cute (they all think my accent is Scottish), and last weekend we had an area wide day camp with over 900 girls. I was given the job of strapping children into harnesses for a zip-lineI spent 8 hours hoping that no one would fall off!

My classes are great. Well, I should say the subject matter in my classes is great. I love Law, especially International Environmental Law and am excited to write my papers...but being a Master's student I have 4 hours of face to face teacher contact a week with the rest being done over the internet and 'intensive' sessions during the reading break. Which means that I have a lot of time on my hands....which is good because I have a lot of reading to do – but it is difficult to self motivate, especially coming from such a close knit class and faculty circle at Renaissance College, UNB. I am being very proactive though and have gone on library tours and set up study times and buddies for going to the gym and studying. Even the short time I've been studying, it is so obvious that this field is what I want to do, solve problems and make laws to make things better, that I get almost giddy in class - don't worry, I keep it to my-self!The faculty, although they are hard to get a hold of, seeing that working is a more laid back term down under, are a world renowned, very smart group.

I have been to several Rotary meetings here now, speaking and just attending. My first Rotary meeting here was so much fun. The Beecroft club is very jovial and loud. They open all of their meetings by singing the Rotary prayer and close them by singing the Australian national anthem, which I am still trying to learn! Within my first week here, I went with the scholarship coordinator for the District to a District wide Rotary Foundation seminar day and had the opportunity to speak in front of a representative from almost every club in the District, and tell them that I would love to speak at their clubs – from that I have over 8 talks booked already! The Rotarians are great, much like in District 5050, they are friendly and exceedingly helpful.

I hope all is well at home, and around the District....even though I technically should know already, considering it's tomorrow here...

Yours in Rotary,

Simone

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Meredith Baker, Coordinator for Skagit County Welcome Baby! Burlington AM Rotary received a DSG for the project in 2006-2007. *See Footnote*

District 5050 Simplified Grants Applications Approved for 2007-08, Get Prepared for 2008-09

Written by Steve Miller, DSG Committee Chair

On July 15, 2007, the deadline passed for receipt of DSG applications for the 2007-08 cycle. On July 30th, the District 5050 DSG Subcommittee held a telephone conference in order to expedite the review of the twelve applications received. The committee consists of Steve Miller (Fidalgo Island), Gayle Carter (Port Moody) and Bruce Lisser (Skagit Morning); with generous assistance from PDG Rob Martin (Burlington) and PDG Rod Thomson (Abbotsford), both of whom function to manage the District 5050 Foundation Committee. There were some serious and insightful discussions of the applications with some rather unique yet generous perspectives revealed. The committee wrestled with many questions regarding the applications and so many of the factors that weighted the amount of each grant approved. It was refreshing that the committee was reluctant to outright refuse any application. The goal was to support as many projects as possible.

Literacy was the focus of over half of the approved applications. Sedro-Woolley lead the way, with a project to supply "Kindergarten Tool Kits" to 300 prospective students to make sure that each student could start their education on equal footing. Four clubs (Port

Moody, Coquitlam, Coquitlam Sunrise, Port Coquitlam Sunrise) coordinated their efforts to provide dictionaries to 2,108 grade four students so as to cover one school district, while Langley Sunrise expanded their reach by supplying dictionaries to 1,500 grade four students in their school district. Instead of dictionaries, the Rotary Club of Cloverdale took the advice of the local school librarian and decided to acquire a generous supply of non-fiction books geared to 8-10 year old students. Supporting their community's Alternative School, the Rotary Club of Snohomish elected to enhance the facility with a "Smart Board".

Other valuable community service projects will get a jump start with District 5050 DSG funds. The RC of Langley Central recognized a need to provide waiting room furniture for their local hospital emergency room, while the RC of LaConnor is replacing the sails on a sea cadet training schooner for local youth. Contributing to the purchase of a crime prevention van is the focus of the project sponsored by the RC of Surrey-Guilford. And last, but not least, the RC of Skagit Morning will be using their grant money to dry-clean over 1,000 coats to provide warmth to needy students in the Skagit Valley.

Although not every club received the total grant for which they were applying, the DSG Subcommittee distributed the total \$25,000 available to District 5050 to all twelve clubs that applied for District Simplified Grants. As a result, twelve very worthy projects got off the ground improving lives in many local communities, all in keeping with this year's theme: *Rotary Shares.*

As a result of a substantial increase in donations by the Rotary Clubs in District 5050 to The Rotary Foundation three years ago, watch for a much larger pool of District Designated Funds (DDF) available for District Simplified Grants for the **2008-09 Rotary year**. Will your club take advantage of this expanded opportunity to fulfill your service goals? If so, **start planning NOW**!

Footnote provided by Bernadette Halliday, Past President, Rotary Club of Burlington A.M.:

The Burlington Morning Rotary Club recently awarded Skagit County Welcome Baby! Coordinator Meredith Baker a Paul Harris Fellow Award. Baker helped the club implement their Welcome Baby! Library Linkage Project this winter that established book carts and shelves at local libraries, food banks, and town halls for children newborn to three years of age. The project was partially funded by a grant from Rotary District 5050.

Welcome Baby provides books, newsletters and toddler learning groups for newborn to three years of age and has served more than 12,000 families and children since 1997. "We can't thank Meredith enough for allowing us to participate in such a successful literacy project," said Dan Berentson, Burlington Rotary member. "Improving literacy is a goal of Rotary world-wide. Meredith is helping us get there."

<u>Note from the PAJ Editor</u>: Denis Boyd & Maureen Boyd, Co-Chairs of the District 5050's Family of Rotary Committee and the Assistant Governor for Area D, is interested in having a monthly feature in the Peace Arch Journal. With the following



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District 5050 Family of Rotary

thoughts and recommendation, Denis is encouraging Rotary club presidents and members, to continue the dialogue that was begun during the 2007 President Elect Training Seminar (PETS).

What is an initiative which led to a Rotarian's family becoming more involved with the Rotary family?

What is an initiative which led to Rotarians becoming a stronger "Rotary family" within your club?

Has a club member been appointed to be your Family of Rotary Chair?

You will likely have several examples which respond to the two points above. Please ask your Family of Rotary Chair or Club Membership Chair to send along an example (with photo) of each of the above to the District 5050 Family of Rotary Chair (<u>denisboyd@denisboyd.com</u>). Some of these stories will be featured on the new Family of Rotary page in the Peace Arch Journal. The others will be posted on the District website under the link "Family of Rotary" so that club members can read them at their leisure.



Date & Time: Saturday, October 20, 2007 <u>Buy-in Cost:</u> \$100 US

<u>Location</u>: 1109 Frontier Circle W, Suite E, Lake Stevens, WA (west of Frontier Village/Highway 9 and north of Highway 204)

Registration: From 12:00 noon to 1:00 P.M. sharp

Information: http://www.lakestevensrotary.com/fundraising/poker/pokernight.asp

<u>Rotary club member contact</u>: Dave DeLorm, davedelorm@gmail.com.

When can club meeting absences be excused?

The answers to the question can be found in the Rotary International *Manual of Procedures 2004* that can be found on the Rotary International website at:

http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/035en_pt7.pdf.

Constitution of the Rotary Club of _____

Article 8 Attendance

Section 3: Excused Absences: A member's absence shall be excused if

(a) the absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances approved by the board. The board may excuse a member's absence for reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient.

(b) The aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.

Thanks to PDG Dave Robinson & PDG Rod Thomson



– News Flash –

Super Rotary Man (Gary Johanson) and sidekick Super Daughter (Miyuku) successfully completed their quest to help give abilities to children with disabilities. With super human fund raising efforts

they were able to raise just over \$4,000 to help the kids. Their efforts included traveling faster then a speeding bullet to various Rotary clubs, using more power then a locomotive in their presentations, and leaping from a tall building. All in a day's work for super heroes committed to Super Service (the event raised just over \$100,000).

A big Thanks to all of you that supported us on our quest. The day was great! Weather was perfect. Event was exciting. And the drop had a big WOW!! factor. Great pictures of the event by Jimmy Olson from the Daily Planet can be found at: http://www.flickr.com/gp/8781246@N02/C5M5p0

Thanks Gary for your follow-up to the story that appeared in the September, '07 PAJ (page 7)

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<u>Editor's Note</u>: In the September, 2007, edition of the PAJ (see page 4) I included a very brief report on my visit to the Rotary Club of Mission AM, including a photograph of District 5050 Literacy Chair, Rhian Piprell, reading a picture book. This month we have been provided with an article that gives us background to one of this club's projects.

Mission Rotary sends books to prison

Each week the Rotary club of Mission, which meets on Wednesday mornings, purchases a new children's book and donates it to a family outreach centre in Mission. This year the Rotary Club, at the urging of the CAC, has donated its books to be used in the visitors' centre and the private family visiting areas at Mission Institution, a medium security federal prison.

Children who visit their relatives in prison will now have a new supply of books to read, thanks to a partnership between the Citizen's Advisory Committee at Mission Institution and the Rotary Club of Mission.

The private family visiting cottages are areas that allow deserving inmates to meet with their families, including children, for a day or a two at a time. The PFV units are within the walls of the institution and some units have bunk beds to accommodate large families.



President Glen (center) as he observes Rhian reading a book

"When we toured the units, I noticed that there were a few toys for children, but there were very few books," said CAC chair Glen Kask. "I approached the Mission Rotary club and asked if they could donate some of their new books for use in the medium security prison." (It was easy to approach Rotary because Kask is also the new president of the Mission Rotary club). "Rotary has long had an interest in promoting literacy," said Kask. "If Rotary can encourage youngsters to read more, we will have a stronger society. Also, when fathers read to their children, we believe that family bonds are strengthened, and a more normal family life is encouraged."

The following article is based upon an email and photographs that were provided the PAJ by Clifford Grant, member of the Rotary Club of White Rock.

Books to Canadian Forces

On August 30, 2007, 29 pallets filled with books and other items, as part of a "Support Our Troops" project were loaded onto a container truck, under the observation of reporters from CBC (Canadian Broadcast Company) radio and Global TV. The truck was to be driven to Montreal in time to be boarded on a ship by mid-September, 2007.

Clifford noted that "the Support Our Troops project - (is) a real community based effort and very widely supported. My Rotary club has certainly demonstrated, though individual Rotarians and the club as a whole, that the spirit of Paul Harris and all those thousands of Rotarians ahead of us is very much



alive and well in the Rotary Club of White Rock. When Canadians know there is a cause of far

reaching value, there is always the question, 'Tell me how can I help'."

(Phote on the left) Support Our Troops organizer Clifford Grant (left) accepts a cheque for \$2,464.50 from Jack Rae, president of the Rotary Club of White Rock.



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