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### Message from Our District Governor

Hello Rotary,

Time just flies by when you are having fun, and Maxine and I are having a great time! It is hard to believe we are already starting the third month of our Rotary calendar year! We now have visited 35 of our 54 District 5050 Clubs and cannot wait to go back to each Club. I know I am repeating myself, but we have been treated so warmly by each Club we have visited. It has indeed been a great honor.

We just returned from the GSE Team England send off party as the team will be leaving in just a couple of weeks to District 1110 in England. Their presentation was flawless, and we all should be very proud to be represented by such a strong team, led by Danielle Mullen with members Michelle Bennett, Tina-Joy Herick and Kate Witoszkin. Thank you to all of them for their service to our District!

Please remember that we have our annual District Foundation Dinner coming up on November 9<sup>th</sup>, in Langley B.C. (more information on our District web site). I am looking forward to seeing ALL of you at the Dinner. Please remember that the Dinner is a fund raiser for our District Foundation, but more importantly it is OUR chance to see each other again, and the fellowship is contagious! There is just something that makes you smile when you see a fellow Rotarian!

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon! Until that time, keep in touch via email if I can be of assistance.

**District Governor (2007-2008) John Bosch**

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### Visiting other Rotary clubs is fun!

How many of us know what a Inukshuk is? It is a First Nation symbol for sign of direction.

PDG Rod Thomson was presented a crystal replica of a Inukshuk by Lucie Honey-Ray during the August 28, 2007, meeting of the Rotary Club of Abbotsford. It was presented for his help in connection with the GSE to Turkey.

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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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## On The Road with the DG

The following is their club visitation schedule through the month of September, 2007:

- 3 Bellingham Bay
- 4 Cloverdale
- 4 Haney
- 5 Surrey Guildford
- 5 Port Coquitlam Centennial
- 18 Burlington Midday
- 19 Friday Harbor
- 20 Abbotsford-Matsqui
- 25 Surrey
- 26 Langley Sunrise

### October, 2007:

- 3 Everett-Port Gardner
- 3 Monroe
- 5 Lake Stevens
- 19 Home: South Everett-Mukilteo**

## White Rock Leaders meet with R.I. President Wilf Wilkerson



**(L to R) Jack Rae, Daphne Fortin, Pres. Wilf Wilkinson, and Wayne Arnold**

Rotary Club of White Rock President Jack Rae, President-Elect Daphne, and Past President Wayne Arnold had a chance to meet the R.I. President during a break time. They were in Vancouver, B.C., at one of a series of Rotary International President's Conferences on Membership Development and Retention (see page 8, "Sharing the Magic of Rotary").

Wilkinson, the first Canadian Rotary president in 35 years, hosted more than 400 Rotarians from Canada and the western United States.

## Calendar of Events

Check out the events listed on the District 5050 website:  
<http://www.district5050.org>

### November 9, 2007

District 5050 annual Rotary Foundation Dinner. To be held at the Langley Convention Centre, 20393 Fraser Highway, Langley, B.C. See hotel website information below

[http://www.coasthotels.com/hotels/canada/bc/langley/coast\\_langley/overview](http://www.coasthotels.com/hotels/canada/bc/langley/coast_langley/overview)

### February 16, 2008 (Saturday)

Pre-PETS at Skagit Valley Casino, Bow, WA

### March 15 - 18, 2008

President-Elect Training Seminar at the Double Tree Hotel, SeaTac, WA

### April 12, 2008

District Assembly at Kwantlen University College, Surrey, BC

### May 15 - 18, 2008

District 5050 Conference, at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Everett, WA



### June 15 - 18, 2008

Rotary International Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA



**Kurt King was a presenter at The Rotary Foundation grants seminar in Bellingham, WA, on July 21, 2007**

Kurt King, who has drilled some 170 water wells throughout third world countries, spends about six months each year drilling wells in Haiti, Ethiopia, Kenya and the Dominican Republic. King, who works with many different organizations, provided useful information to people who may want to participate in a water project. His wife Mary, a nurse, often accompanies her husband and talks with local women about sanitation, child rearing, healthcare and education.

Pictured left to right are: Robert Harris (Semiahmoo White Rock), Mary and Kurt King, and DG John Bosch.

**Senior PDG seen checking on a new upstart**

District Governor John Bosch has noted that he felt honored to be with Past District Governor (1990-1991) Mel Hollinger during his visit to the Rotary club of White Rock, B.C.

Pictured on the left are DG John, PDG Mel, and Maxine Bosch.



*Report submitted by Walter Sussel*

**First Rotary "Sponsor Pin" awarded by DG John Bosch to Gerry Enns, President, Rotary Club of Chilliwack Fraser**

District Governor John Bosch and wife Maxine visited the Rotary Club of Chilliwack Fraser on August 8, 2007, to meet with the executive and club members. The message DG John delivered was an expansion of RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson's message of "Rotary Shares" to include sharing membership in Rotary with qualified members of the community. Rotary needs new members to maintain its vitality and continue to meet world challenges in the years ahead.

A highlight of DG John's visit was his very first award of the "Rotary Sponsor Pin" to club president Gerry Enns. Since taking office in July, President Gerry sponsored the club's newest member, Marissa Wood.

**Pres. Jerry Enns & DG John Bosch**

*Photograph by Walter Sussel*

*Report and photos by Carol Tichelman*

**District Governor's Visit to the Rotary Club of Chilliwack**



**Pam, PDG Fred & DG John**

During the July 27, 2007, club visit by DG John and Maxine Bosch, there was a presentation of the RI Foundation Major Donor recognition to PDG Fred and Pam George (with the crystal and single diamond pins for both Fred and Pam).

Past Club President Delwen Stander read the citation application and DG John assisted in the presentation of a Four Avenues of Service citation to PDG (1988-89) Fred George.



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**Peace Arch Journal Editor Hits the Road**

Article & Photographs by Bob Knight

The following is a brief report on five of the clubs I visited in August, 2007 (in addition to my visits to the Lake Stevens-Granite Falls (see pages 5 and 7).

**Rotary Club of Fidalgo Island (WA)** My visit to Anacortes for this club's visit coincided with the official visit by District Governor John and Maxine Bosch, who were introduced by Area G AG Jane Helten. Their breakfast meetings are held in the beautifully restored Majestic Inn (see the insert). DG John received a special welcome from a "Danish custodian" at the hotel (*alias, PDG (1992-93) Jack Frisk*).



During his comments, DG John reflected upon the importance of communication among Rotarians and encouraged all District 5050 Rotary club members to (log on) and get registered on the district website. Afterwards he met with board members.



**Rotary Club of Abbotsford, B.C.** Milanie Pacleb, the principal of a Christian elementary school, shared photographs as she described her experience as part of a Group Study Exchange (GSE) trip to Turkey. Her D5050 GSE team traveled in Turkey with a team from Japan.



During the meeting Elaine Howardson, D5050 Outbound GSE Committee Chair, announced that in 2009 the district will be doing an exchange with aboriginal people from Western Australia. It is being proposed to have the D5050 team composed of Canadian First Nation and U.S. Native American people.

**Rotary Club of Mission AM:**



A tradition is for club members and D5050 Literacy Chair Rhian Piprell to begin their meeting with the reading of a picture book. The program included a new member induction, a Paul Harris Fellowship recognition, and a club assembly.



**Langley Central:** Wayne Clausen presented club President-Elect Stewart McIvor with a Presidential Citation from the Rotary Club of Kakamega, Kenya (D9200)

for Langley-Central's support of projects in Kenya.



Consul General for Peru, Carlos M. Roman, shared a pictorial presentation on tourism in his country. Some club members are organizing a trip to Peru in spring 2008.



**National Teacher of the Year Visits with her Neighbors**

Article and Photographs by Bob Knight



Photograph in the lower left with President Bush greeting Andrea at the White House.

On August 10, 2007, during a regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Lake Stevens-Granite Falls, Andrea Peterson shared some of her experiences being honored as the National Teacher of the Year, including being welcomed by President George W. Bush at the White House in Washington, D.C.

Andrea, a wife and now mother of a four-month old child, began teaching eleven years ago as a music teacher in the small community of Granite Falls, Washington. She is in her second month of a tour which is expected to take her all around the U.S. and over to Japan. She said that she has a great husband and two wonderful mothers who will be enabling her to travel (the intent is that she will not be away from home more than two days at a time...I didn't ask if her family will be traveling to Japan).

During her comments for the Rotarians and guests, Andrea noted that communities have to get involved with their kids. She is impressed by the power of a small community to show larger school districts what is possible. She said that kids are not happy unless they are working hard. They need to be with successful people and to be shown that excellence is possible.

Andrea said that she gets her inspiration from children, and she is planning to return to her music room in a Granite Falls elementary school. She likes to connect music to what the young students are studying in their other classes. For an example, she connected kids with a classic historical story by writing a musical about the adventures of Lewis and Clark's travels across America.



Club President Rick Bond, Andrea, and AG for Area I, Bonnie George

Note about the plaque in front of the podium: President Rick said that the American flag was given to his club by Past Club President John Morrison's son John who is serving our country. It has no sad history other than John is there, and is just a memento for us to have. Lake Stevens Rotarians are proud of it, as can you tell.

*Reported by Gordon Shaffers*

**Peace Arch Rotary Club 2007 Project**



Club Pres. Paul Jeffs and Project Chair Dave Cochrane

For our 2007 Rotary year it was decided to investigate the requirement for a children's playground at the South Surrey Athletic Park. One of our members had suggested that this type of a playground was needed within the park, as there was no organized play area for younger children. Two of our executives met with Bob Paterson from Surrey Parks and Recreation (P & R) to propose our idea. As usual, our timing was excellent because the P & R people were also considering the same idea. In our meeting it was proposed that the City would put together a plan and a budget for the playground and present it to us for our information. The final plan was to build the playground in three (3) phases. On completion the playground would be for children from ages 2 to 12.

Currently we are working on phase one, with an estimated September, 2007, completion date at a cost of \$50,000 (\$30,500 from Peach Arch Rotary and \$20,000 from Surrey Parks and Recreation). We will be meeting with Parks and Recreation in the near future to discuss proceeding with phases 2 & 3 for our 2008 Rotary year. These phases would require an additional \$50,000.



**JoAnn and David Lipscomb**

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**Rotary Club of Stanwood/Camano Island, WA**  
**A Rotary Romance Leads to becoming Club**  
**Co-Presidents, 2007-2008**

In 1992, JoAnn Vekich was asked to join with a small number of other citizens of the Stanwood/Camano Island area to organize a Rotary Club. Serving as the first Secretary, JoAnn became a charter member of the club that was chartered in April, 1993. Also in 1992, Dave was invited to visit the fledgling club. Right away, Dave joined and also became a charter member. Thus, JoAnn and Dave met as charter members of Rotary. Over time, their acquaintance became friendship and, in 1994, the friendship blossomed into romance. In August of 1995, they escaped to Reno and married

on the banks of the Truckee River – a very lovely and romantic location. Dave has said that Rotary is a great place to meet a wonderful woman – if you are in the market. According to him, it beats the local tavern by a mile!!

Throughout their twelve-year marriage, activities with Rotary have been an integral part of their togetherness. JoAnn is trained as an accountant and holds expertise in tax accounting. After serving nearly 25 years as a professor of Audiology at the University of Tennessee, Dave relocated to the Pacific NW where he had received his Ph.D. at UW in 1966. He now serves as a Consulting Audiologist and has built a consulting business, *Correct Service, Inc.* Through the auspices of CSI, Inc., Dave works with clients who have issues with some phase of audition (hearing). The greatest portion of CSI efforts involve evaluating legal claims of various sorts. Upon reorganizing CSI after they put their lives together, JoAnn became Financial Manager of CSI and Dave assumed the Presidency. Thus, they have enjoyed a team approach to work as well as in Rotary. Members of the Stanwood/Camano Club see JoAnn and Dave as a loving couple who are dedicated to the principles of Rotary. The members chuckle when JoAnn refers to Dave as her “sweet little petunia”.

Between them, they have seven children. JoAnn has a daughter and son who live in the area. Dave’s five children reside in four different states, allowing for travel to visit their far-flung children and eight grandchildren.

Because Rotary has been part of their relationship from the beginning, there are a host of activities in which the Lipscombs have participated. From being organizing Secretary (JoAnn) to ascending to the co-presidency in July, the Lipscombs have been Board members; participants in the fund raising golf tournament; acquisition chairs for the fund-raising auction; and, in 2007, recipients of membership in the Paul Harris Society.

Through Rotary participation, the Lipscombs feel their partnership and marriage are strengthened. Meeting wonderful friends in their local club and district 5050 is a great benefit of active membership in an organization that so closely matches their personal philosophies.



***A Post-Script***

The bull rocking chair David is holding sold for \$250 at the Stanwood/Camano Island auction. See page 9 of the August, 2007, *Peace Arch Journal*.



**Partners  
for Service**

This new sign was seen at the entrance to Cheney, WA, USA. The D5080 Rotary club meets at noon on Tuesday at Eastern WA University.

*Photo by Bob Knight*

The following information was provided by AG Christiana Flessner

### Super Rotary Man is on a mission!



Reports are circulating that Super Rotary Man will be flying in to Vancouver, B.C., September 17, 2007, to lend his super service strength to help children with disabilities. This super hero is well known for his motto:

*Super Service Above Self!*

Along with his trusty sidekick, he plans to use his super powers to rappel down a 20 story building and come to the rescue of children with disabilities. But, Super Rotary Man and his sidekick cannot do this on their own! To complete their quest he and his sidekick must raise at least \$3000. This is where you can help!

Each Rotary club can be a sponsor and have a donation matching program as one option to provide support. Also, an individual can make their own donations of CD\$25 or more (tax receipts are available on donations of \$25 or more). A representative for Super Rotary Man would be glad to visit your club if that is possible.

**Their Goal:** To raise over CD\$3,000 for children with disabilities.

**Their Quest:** To rappel down a 20 story building on September 17, 2007

For information or to make a pledge, contact Gary or Miyuku Johanson at 604-340-8450 or send them an email at [johanson@shaw.ca](mailto:johanson@shaw.ca). Also, go to the web site at <http://www.thedropzone.ca/english.html> and checkout *Team Super Dad and Daughter*.



Note: Past Club President (two years in a row) from the Rotary Club of Surrey Guildford, Gary Johanson, and his daughter are personally raising funds to help children with disabilities, doing public relations for Rotary by showing caring, and sharing their time.

### Dedication to Marriage and Rotary Recognition by the Members of the Rotary Club of Lake Stevens-Granite Falls



**Loren Hole and Club President Rick Bond**



**Lorna and Loren Hole**

On Friday morning, August 24, 2007, the members of Past Club President (1999-2000) Loren Hole's club celebrated his 40 years of perfect attendance. He was presented with a putter engraved with his name. Loren and Lorna were presented with tickets to see Tony Bennett's show in Seattle and reservations for dinner. Others attending the meeting were the Holes' Kent (WA) Rotarian daughter, Laura Westover, and Area I Assistant Governor Bonnie George.



*Photographs taken by Laura Westover*

## SHARING THE MAGIC OF ROTARY



by Brenda Cressey, DG 2001-02

Rotary International President (2007-08) **Wilf Wilkinson** gave the “**Charge to Action**” at the Presidential Membership Conference held in San Jose on Friday, August 17 and Saturday, August 18, 2007 with over 615 Rotarians in attendance from California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii and Nevada. The conference was co-chaired by Past RI Director, Sam Greene, RC of Westlake Village and Past Regional RI Membership Coordinator, Brenda Cressey, RC of Paso Robles Sunrise, both from RI District 5240.

The speakers presented new and innovative approaches to membership including volunteering trends and demographics. Effective membership tools are now available on the RI Website. Clubs were challenged over and over to really think about what they are doing and how they might begin to change. In a speech entitled “Friendly Fire”, given by Past RI President Cliff Dochterman, in his usual humorous way, clubs were asked to think about why it is they are losing so many potentially great Rotarians each year. Membership loss each year continues at a rate of 12 to 15% or higher. If Rotarians can find ways to reduce that percentage, clubs won’t have a membership problem and can then concentrate on serving others.

The conference also featured many interactive roundtable discussions to exchange ideas and share best practices. Clubs must establish strong membership committees and long term membership strategies that will ensure strong effective Clubs by reducing membership loss and increasing membership. The club membership should truly represent the diversity and cultures in each community.

In taking a program theme from The Rotary Foundation, it is time for “Every Rotarian, Every Year” to become involved in membership. It is a responsibility of each Rotarian to identify and present for induction quality new members on a consistent basis.

Rotary membership continues to spiral down in the US over the last 5 years and in the words of one of our attendees about the conference, “*It’s time to throw out the old ways of doing things and ask the difficult questions. I only hope that we can keep this type of self assessment going into the future.*”

### **Rotary ranked among top five NGOs for corporate partnerships**

The *Financial Times* has ranked Rotary International one of the top five nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) for corporate partnerships. In the newspaper’s special supplement, *Corporate Citizenship and Philanthropy*, Rotary came in fifth in the global rankings of 34 finalists.

Published in conjunction with the UN Global Compact Leaders Summit held 5-6 July in Geneva, the supplement reached some 1.4 million senior business executives, industry and government leaders, and private/institutional investors across 140 countries. The summit, which was chaired by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, featured an international roster of business leaders, government ministers, and heads of civil society and focused on such key challenges to building future markets as human rights and climate change. RI Director Bernard Rosen of Belgium represented RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson at the event.

UN Global Compact and Dalberg Global Development Advisors, who developed the report in preparation for the summit, surveyed 20,000 companies worldwide, identifying 550 NGOs, UN agencies, foundations, and other organizations with which companies had partnered, and profiled 85 of those based on company ratings.

Reference: Article extracted from *Rotary News to Use*, a monthly summary prepared for D5550 by PDG Cam King.



**Haney Rotarians are all smiles**



**(l to r) are Alf Kilerich, Norm Pelton, PDG Dick Drew, Bonnie Telup, Peter Hayes, and Vivian Smith. Absent from the photo were Rick Howard, Chris Duyvestyn.**

*Article provided by Past District Governor and District 5050 Shelter Box Committee Chair, Dick Drew*

Haney Rotarians are smiling because they have just learned that the seven Shelter Boxes they sponsored recently have been delivered to flood victims in India. The club sponsored five ShelterBoxes for \$6,000, while six members each contributed \$400 to sponsor another two boxes. [ ShelterBoxes cost \$1,200.CDN each]

Since Shelter Box began four years ago, over 35,000 Shelter Boxes have been delivered in 34 countries worldwide.



To learn more about this project visit:

[www.shelterBox.ca](http://www.shelterBox.ca)

PDG Dick Drew in front of the Shelter Box display at the 2007 District 5050 Assembly

Arrangements can be made for a club presentation in D5050 by the following contacts:

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U.S. Bev Harrington, Burlington Club, email [bev Harrington@msm.com](mailto:bev Harrington@msm.com) .

**Further Smiles for the Rotary Club of Haney**

The above article might has been overlooked by the PAJ editor if not reminded by PDG Dick Drew who greeted me very cordially when I arrived to attend an evening meeting of the Haney club on Wednesday, August 29.



The speaker was AG and Executive Director of the Wheel Chair Foundation Canada, Christiana Flessner. She said that 130 million people need wheel chairs, and 30% are polio victims. The average cost of a wheel chair is \$110. For more information go to <http://www.wheelchairfoundation.ca/>

**District 5050 Club Membership and Attendance Reported by Bert J. Monsma, District Secretary, on 8-6-2007**

Total Membership: June, 2006:	3,084
June, 2007:	3,011

Decrease (-) of 73 members

Total member change in month:

June, 2006:	- 6
June, 2007:	- 43

Average club meeting attendance:

June, 2006:	67.3%
June, 2007:	71.9%

The top 5 clubs for attendance for the 12 months YTD to June 30, 2007 were:

1. South Everett-Mukilteo 94.25%
2. Chilliwack 88.60 %
3. Abbotsford-Matsqui 85.25%
4. Marysville Morning 84.67 %
5. Whatcom County North 82.52 %

Seven clubs had attendance of slightly less than the required 60% during the month of June, 2007.