

District Digest



Welcome to the *District Digest* for December 18, 2020! Our goal is to share brief informational bits of interest to Rotarians in 5080 and links to where you can find more.

From Governor Tim - "This has been a difficult time for us both and it will remain so until it is brought to a most happy conclusion with Cindy's determination to get through this. We have already received so many prayers and well wishes for her complete and quick recovery from our Rotary family from our Club and the District and Zones 26 and 27. It has been tremendously uplifting and especially so with a pandemic going on. Truly Rotary has shown us that it has a heart.

The next few weeks will tell us what we need to do for Cindy's return to health. We remain steadfast in our belief that Rotary is a light for the World and for us both.

Thank you all for your thoughts and wishes.

Thank you,
Tim"

We are pleased to introduce the **PolioPlus Society**. This Society is for Rotarians (and non-Rotarians, too!) who are dedicated to seeing that polio is successfully eradicated from our planet. Read more about it here: <https://district5080.org/Stories/polioplus-society>

District 5080 is starting a **DEI Book Club**! We are in the planning stages and are gauging interest in this club to see what the best ways would be to make this work. If you want to educate yourself about issues around diversity, equity, and inclusion, and you are interested in starting a dialog on this topic in a safe and supportive atmosphere see more on the district web page. <https://district5080.org/Stories/dei-book-club>

Got RYLA? The RYLA team is working on curriculum, location and potential leadership opportunities in 2021. While hoping for an opportunity to share RYLA in a camp setting, the team is also preparing for a virtual opportunity. Keep recruiting those campers! We'll share more as we fine tune. Contact: Debi Dockins (Ryla5080@yahoo.com)

RYLA Zone Assembly on December 5 - Lorraine Hartson, Youth Services Chair, works with the Zone (we are part of Zones 26/27 which is most of the Western US and parts of B.C. Canada) to educate and enhance the experiences of Rotarians working with youth. This Assembly is focused on RYLA and subsequent workshops will focus on our additional Rotary Youth Programs. Contact: dhartson@telus.net.

The Annual Fund is at 60% of our goal [of \$251,917] and that's great to see.

Almost all of our clubs have made a donation of some amount [four have not, yet].

The Polio Plus Fund is the beneficiary of a couple of extremely generous gifts and is

doing very well. Removing them from the equation for the moment, we are at about 48% of our declared goal. With there still being 17 clubs that don't have a donation of record yet, we are very hopeful our members will not forget that Ending Polio is still our #1 Goal. With the time so short...please make that donation to one or both Funds - one wouldn't want that tax year donation to get lost.

Congratulations to the 114 new **Paul Harris Fellows** – whether it's your first or your 9th... it's appreciated. A shout out to the new Benefactor, the two new members of the Bequest Society and the 152 newly achieved members with Major Donor status. The newest kid on the block – the Polio Plus Society, has already gained 25 members.

Our 5080 donors ROCK !!!!!

While we don't call it a race, some members are interested in knowing where their club stands v.v. per **capita donations within the district**. Well...for right now...1st is E-Waneta Sunshine, 2nd is Cranbrook Sunrise and 3rd is Richland. One clubs is extremely close to having a 100% member donation of over \$25/member. How many Banner Contributor Clubs will we have by year end?

Wildfire Relief: The District Charitable Fund can receive donations under "Community Service. Follow this link for more information: <https://district5080.org/Stories/wildfire-victim-support>

Keeping the spirit of Rotary through Zoom. See the Zoom educational tutorial on the District website.

Go to: <https://district5080.org/sitepage/training>

The RI website showcases great club & community projects in the **Rotary Showcase**. Follow this link to learn more: <https://district5080.org/sitepage/community-service/rotary-showcase>

There is **Friendship Exchange** potential for New Zealand, Australia and Russia.

Stay tuned as we determine options moving forward. Alexia Turner, Chair
(turner4@shaw.ca)

Have an **international project**? Please share information with Brenda Balahura, Chair. (brendabalahurarfe@gmail.com) Here is one you might want to look at from Brenda - HELP Honduras at www.help honduras.ca

Geoff of Castlegar Sunrise would like to share an event Interact is putting on for December 28th. It is a **virtual illusionist/magician** you and your Family can watch within the comfort and safety of your home over the holidays. Please feel free to share this with family and friends around the world as since it is virtual anyone can join us.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/jeff-newman-magic-virtual-magic-and-mind-reading-fundraiser-performance-tickets-130628380001>

They are trying to avoid last minute sales so the price will go up as we near the 28th.

Sheila Hart, the Chair of the **District Service Committee**, is searching for Rotarians who belong to either a Rotary Fellowship or a Rotary Action Group. District Service is an interesting and multi-facetted committee with a number of sub-committees.

Sheila is hoping you might make yourself known so you can be of assistance in promoting Fellowships and Action Groups. Those of you who are already members of these two Rotary bodies already know how their lives have been enriched by the experience. It would be nice to get the word out there to others in our District. Please contact Sheila at - sheilahart@shaw.ca or phone 1-250-825-9241

Check out Doreen Kelsey's story about **Women in Rotary** on the front page of our district's web page - www.district5080.org. There are several other really good stories there you might enjoy.

Also, take a look at Issue #1 of Doreen's **Musings from Your District Membership Maven** on the membership page of the district web page. Here is a direct link: <https://district5080.org/sitepage/membership>

Be sure to visit the **Meeting Resources** section of the Resources page on the district web page. This week we added a video and some Zoom backgrounds you can download and use. More to come! <https://district5080.org/sitepage/5080-resources>

Be sure to visit and "Like" our **District Facebook** page at <https://www.facebook.com/rotarydistrict5080/> and follow our new **District Twitter** page <https://twitter.com/5080Rotary>. We are sharing many interesting RI, District, and Club stories on these pages.

Also, do not just read the posts, like and share our posts and tweets with your friends so we can spread the word of what Rotary is doing in our communities and the world.

If you are one of the many who **do not use Facebook**, you can still see some of the most recent posts on the front page of the district web page. Look on the lower right of the page for a feed of the latest Facebook posts.

Help Wanted! Are you interested in serving in a District 5080 role? We are seeking 5080 Rotarians for some committees this Rotary year and upcoming Rotary years.

Look [here](#) for the latest opportunities.

We hope you have, or continue to have, a **wonderful Holiday Season!** Stay safe and healthy and here's to a happy and much better 2021 than 2020 has been for most of us!



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