

INSPIRE

DG Ingrid's Message – February 2019

Happy Birthday Rotary!

February 23 marks Rotary's 114th anniversary.

Our founder, Paul Harris, had an idea that community leaders could make a positive difference in their communities and started Rotary One of Chicago. Rotary is now one of the world's largest volunteer humanitarian organizations, with over one million members worldwide. To carry that proud legacy forward,

we have a responsibility to share our passion for Rotary and its many service projects by growing our membership. This year, our goal is to reverse the downward trend of the last several years. As mentioned in my Club Visits, each club needs to increase its membership by at least three members, while keeping all current members engaged and active. Rotary International recognizes the need to adapt to our rapidly changing society to expand its reach and has embraced flexibility in attendance, in membership and is encouraging new types of clubs. Now it's up to us!



We can do it ... we have a great District with many worthwhile projects and meaningful service opportunities to share with new members. But we need each one of you to act. Invite your neighbour. Encourage your dentist, doctor, yoga teacher, or that friend who wonders what you do at your Rotary meetings. Make growing membership in your club a resolution! Together we can BE THE INSPIRATION!

Peace and Conflict Resolution / End Polio Now



February is also Rotary's Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution month. With unrest around the world, we need to increase understanding through peacebuilding initiatives and activities. Each area-of-focus project can be organized through a "peacebuilding" lens. Peacebuilding activities are also linked to our ongoing End Polio Campaign, which requires concentrated dedication to be completed. Please support the upcoming hockey game by purchasing tickets or by making a donation! Rotary's polio eradication effort was named best non-profit peace initiative by PEACEJAM Foundation, an initiative led by 14 former Nobel Peace Prize laureates. Thanks to clubs and individuals who have contributed to our Peace Building Fund. We are well on our way to becoming a recognized Peace Builder District within Rotary International this year!

NewsFlash - Passport Club

The YEG Passport Club was launched at a meeting January 31, with several individuals new to Rotary and former Rotarians. What is a Passport Club? It's a club offering members opportunities to make a difference locally and globally in a way that fits within their time, talents, finances and lifestyle, with fewer meetings but multiple service opportunities, social gatherings, affordable dues and access to Rotary activities and resources. Thanks to the Passport Committee of Assistant Governor Marilyn Mucha, Nicole Konkin, Past District Governor/ Zone Coordinator Jackie Hobal, PDG Linda Robertson and District Membership Chair Jeff Reynolds. The next meeting will be held on February 27, 2019.

Please contact Marilyn Mucha, mgmucha@shaw.ca or Jeff Reynolds, rotary_j@telus.net for additional information.

Fort Edmonton Park

Our District's involvement continues with the Rotary legacy event in Fort Edmonton Park. This special event will be held on June 19, 2019, as a Summer Solstice Celebration to support Fort Edmonton Park's Capital Campaign. It's an evening of music, dance and celebration with community, business and cultural leaders —and entertainment by Trooper.

Please contact Jeff Polovick, jpolovick@gmail.com for additional information.

Special Recognition



Congratulations to PDG Albert and Florence Miller, Rotary Club of Westlock for receiving the Polio Pioneer Award for extraordinary service to The Rotary Foundation, including the “Rotary Polio Train” in 1987. The Polio Pioneer Award is for Rotarians who performed exceptionally meritorious service to the ultimate cause of polio eradication prior to November 1, 1992. Check out the [article from the Zone newsletter](#) written by PDG Linda Robertson.

Students from Dawson Creek Secondary School will be travelling to Winnipeg at the end of February to participate in a national leadership program at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights. Thanks to District Youth Chair Tamara Larson, Rotary Club of Dawson Creek, President Magriet Abbey and Rotary Club of Dawson Creek Sunrise's Michelle Rolls for supporting and sponsoring our young leaders as they are immersed in a three-day program focusing on the importance of diversity, inclusion, truth and reconciliation — or peace literacy.

Upcoming Events:

Leadership Assembly - March 8 & 9, 2019 - Rotary Leaders Connect to Grow Rotary

All presidents-elect are required to attend the District Leadership Learning event scheduled for Friday evening, March 8 and Saturday, March 9, at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre. Presidents, club board members and all Rotarians are invited to participate in these important and valuable learning opportunities. [Click here to register](#).

She's All That - Inspiring Leadership, Achieving Action - May 9, 2019

All Rotarians are invited to come and hear inspirational speaker Dr. Stephanie Urchick and join in a celebration of women leaders in Rotary. This is a splendid opportunity to invite prospective members to attend and learn more about Rotary's impact in the community. Donations of personal-care items for women fleeing domestic violence will be gratefully accepted. Tickets available soon!

Staying in Touch:

I look forward to connecting with many of you at one of our upcoming events! At all times, please feel welcome to reach out to our District Leadership Team and Assistant Governors for support, information and assistance as you continue to BE THE INSPIRATION.

“This is changing world; we must be prepared to change with it.

The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again.” (Paul Harris)

Sincerely,

Ingrid

Recent Post to the Rotary International District 5370 News blog



Three students who served in District 5370 Interact clubs receive scholarships worth \$100K each

Three students from our District won scholarships from the Loran Scholar Foundation that will fund four years of their undergrad programs due in part to their involvement in Interact.

“Being part of Interact positively impacted their LORAN scholarship applications,” says Tamara Larson (RC of Edmonton Whyte Avenue), who

is the District 5370 Youth Services chair. “The skills and experience they gained as part of our youth programs and Interact have opened doors for these dynamic young ladies.”

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District and Club Announcements and Reminders

End Polio Hockey Game

Monday, February 18 at 2 p.m.

Edmonton Oil Kings vs. Medicine Hat Tigers

Rogers Place

To purchase tickets, contact Kevin Mack at the Oilers Entertainment Group (OEG) by phone: 780-409-5889 (preferable) or email: kmack@edmontonoilers.com. Tickets are \$25 (includes \$7 donation to Polio Plus).

Another opportunity to see Perfume Wars

A highlight of the 2018 District Conference was the screening of the award-winning documentary Perfume Wars. If you missed seeing this movie in October, or would like to see it again, here is your chance. The Rotary Club of Edmonton Riverview has arranged a showing on Tuesday, February 26 (5 p.m.) at the Strathcona branch of the Edmonton Public Library. Entrance will be by donation (\$10 suggested) and attendance is limited to 60. Contact Leslie Cleary lesliecleary38@gmail.com for more information.

Spring Leadership Assembly

March 8 and 9, at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre, 11727 Kingsway, Edmonton. For presidents-elect, board members and anyone wanting to learn more about Rotary. An opportunity to prepare for the 2019-20 Rotary year. Click here for more information and to register.

2019 Rotary Beach Party (RC of Sherwood Park)

You and your guests are invited to attend the 2019 Rotary Beach Party Day on Saturday, March 16 at the Log Cabin in Sherwood Park. This is a primary fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Sherwood Park and our affiliate Rotaract Club of Strathcona County.

Dress in your finest beach attire and enjoy a brief reprieve from winter. This event includes dinner, a dance, a silent auction and refreshments.

Door opens at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 and dance at 9:00.

DJ by Bradley James Entertainment.

Tickets (\$25 per person) can be purchased by contacting Bob Dawson at bdawson@telus.net

People of Action – 2019 District 5370 Conference

October 3-5 in Grande Prairie, Alberta. [Register now.](#)

2019 Rotary International Convention

Join Rotarians from around the world at the [2019 Rotary International Convention](#), June 1-5 in Hamburg, Germany. Register by March 1 to save.

2018-19 District Awards

District 5370 has several awards to recognize clubs for their great local and international projects, which will be presented at the District Governor Changeover Dinner and Awards Night on June 27. Check out the award criteria and submit your nomination by May 15, 2019.

Is your club planning an event which other Rotarians should know about? Would you like to invite them to attend? Send your announcements to nmscott@telus.net by February 10 to be included in the next newsletter. Announcements should be brief, and ideally include a link to a website where Rotarians can go to learn more, register or buy tickets.