

May 2019

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## **The Yukon!**

The lure of gold mining attracted many prospectors to explore the Far North. Today, the serene wilderness,

wild animals and quiet solitude entice visitors. My first glimpse of Whitehorse was from the air, where I saw an emerald green river winding through dense forest alongside rugged cliffs.

I was greeted warmly by representatives of the Whitehorse clubs who will be joining our District. They are friendly, knowledgeable individuals, passionate about their community, with shared commitment to service, an eagerness to learn and a willingness to collaborate. I anticipate that with the Yukon becoming part of our District, travelling north will be added to several bucket lists!

## **May Shines a Light on Youth Programs!**



Our District has more than 1,500 young leaders active in our youth programs and we are unique in having young leaders in key positions leading their programs, with the assistance and support of Rotarian advisors. I had the pleasure of attending the RYPEN planning meeting and was impressed by the enthusiasm, energy and serious preparation in advance of the weekend! For the first time we will have almost 70 students attending the weekend at the Birch Bay ranch! Thank you to RYPEN chair Yvone Joubert (Rotaract Club of MacEwan University), Rotarian advisors Darren Chin, (Rotary Club of Edmonton-Whyte Avenue), and Lesa Mueller (Parkland after Dark), and Youth Chair Tamara Larson (Edmonton-Whyte Avenue).

RYLE Camp with 65 campers at Camp Nakamun will focus on interpersonal growth, communication, community building and global citizenship.

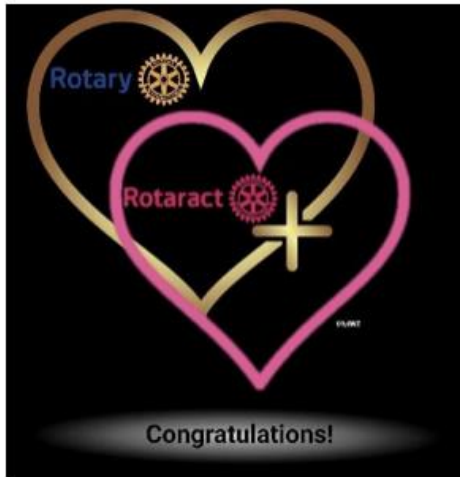


Several clubs sponsor scholarships for students in high school, university and for global grant scholarships. Sponsored by Rotary Clubs of Nisku-Leduc, Edmonton-Whyte Avenue, Westlock, Jasper and St. Albert-Saint City, [Amy](#)

[Smith](#) is currently enrolled in a master's program at the University of Queensland.

We have one of the largest youth programs in our Zone, with 250 Rotaractors in nine clubs, 50 Interact clubs, one Early Act club, 10 international exchange students and numerous opportunities for youth to participate in other programs like the Adventures in Citizenship program in Ottawa and the Human Rights Leadership Experience at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg. A huge thank you to all clubs who support and encourage youth programs in our District! Through your participation we are ensuring our future!

## Council on Legislation



Thank you to Past District Governor and Zone Coordinator Jackie Hobal, who attended the Council on Legislation in Chicago as our District representative. There, 117 amendments were reviewed and voted on, including the status of Rotaract clubs. The change broadens the definition of membership in Rotary to

include Rotaract clubs. The tax status of Rotary International may change, which will offer benefits that include tax reductions and some vendor discounts. Read [highlights of the Council on Legislation](#).

## End Polio Now Update

Zone 24's End Polio Now coordinator is our own Past District Governor, Linda Robertson, who provides current information to all 17 Districts in our zone. Currently we are encountering some challenges in Pakistan with resistance to the immunization process and volunteer workers. These challenges are being addressed by Rotary leaders to bring about resolution.

May and June are the months we see District clubs fulfil their goals for membership and support for Polio Plus. Several clubs have yet to send in their donation. Please check with your Assistant Governor if you need information or assistance. Top five reasons to eradicate polio:

- 1. Improve lives:** 16 million people are walking today who would have otherwise been paralyzed.
- 2. Invest in the future:** If polio isn't eradicated, within 10 years as many as 200,000 children could be paralyzed annually. A polio-free world will be a safer world for children everywhere.
- 3. Improve child health:** Polio surveillance networks and vaccination campaigns also monitor children for other health problems like vitamin deficiency and measles, so they can be addressed sooner.
- 4. Save money:** A polio-free world will save the global economy \$40-50 billion in health-care costs within 20 years.
- 5. Make history:** Polio eradication would be one of history's greatest public health achievements, with polio following smallpox as only the second human disease eliminated.

## **Empire State Building Tower Run**

A unique opportunity to donate any amount to End Polio Now is to support the Empire State Building Tower Run in New York May 14.

Clive Burke has been accepted into the iconic tower run, which is limited to 225 participants from around the world who climb the 86 flights of stairs



(1,576 steps), from lobby to observation deck.

The event is so popular that a lottery draw chooses 200 of the 225 athletes.

Clive has dedicated his run to help End Polio Now. Thanks to Sean Draper of the Rotary Club of Edmonton Northeast and Linda Robertson for setting up the [website](#). Many thanks to all members who have already donated. We have donations from members of the general public due to the [Edmonton Journal article](#) published recently.

## **Membership: Let's Keep Growing!**



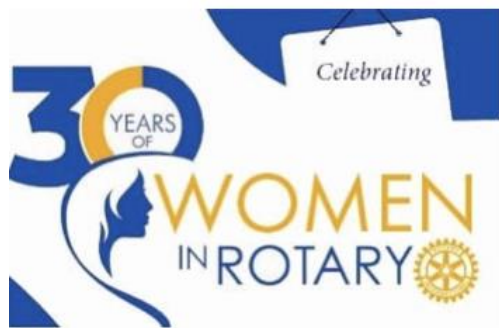
We have GREAT news about our YEG Passport Club! We are close to being chartered and there is a newly elected executive in place that is enthusiastic and ready to be

engaged in service to the community. Many thanks to Marilyn Mucha, who has championed this club, and to the Rotary Club of Whyte Avenue for being the sponsor club. It is imperative that current members on our membership lists are contacted, engaged and encouraged to continue their service, and that all members feel valued and appreciated!

Good news from northern British Columbia where the Rotary Club of Dawson Creek is sponsoring a new satellite club in Chetwynd. Thanks to Dale Campbell, Past Assistant Governor who serves on the membership committee.

The Rotary Club of Dawson Creek currently leads the District in membership growth followed closely by Edmonton West, Dawson Creek Sunrise, Edmonton Strathcona! The Rotary Club of Lloydminster is supporting and encouraging a new club in Bonnyville! Keep up our momentum!

## **She's All That / Women of Inspiration**



Plans are finalized for a fabulous evening celebrating inspiring leaders achieving action on May 9 at the Royal Glenora Club. All Rotarians, women and men, and the general public are welcome. We have several high-profile community leaders already registered in addition to many of our members! This will be a great event to bring a friend or a potential new member! Come and support our women district leaders! See [our District site for more information.](#)

## **Integrity Awards**

A unique event in the Capital Region are the Integrity awards. Community leaders are nominated by Rotary clubs for their integrity and service in their communities.

We have outstanding nominees who will share their stories. They are Rotarians at heart!

## **Fort Edmonton Park**

A special event is taking place on June 19 to support Rotary's legacy project at Fort Edmonton Park. [Click here](#) for more information or contact Jeff Polovick: [jpolovick@gmail.com](mailto:jpolovick@gmail.com)

## **International Convention in Hamburg!**

Invitations have been sent out to all registrants attending the international convention in Hamburg for a District gathering on June 3 at the Gasthaus - Hofbraeu Wirtshaus.

[Please register](#) so that we can confirm your place at the venue!

## **Bringing the Light**

Peace Fellow Stephanie Woollard was a keynote speaker at our conference who shared her amazing story about her work in Nepal! Stephanie hosts tours to her headquarters for Seven Women and provides opportunities for service for groups that are interested. The Rotary Club of Whyte Avenue hosted a documentary screening this past week with over 85 individuals in attendance. Contact the District Office to learn more.





## Presidential Citations

I look forward to a record number of [presidential citations](#) completed this year!

Please check with your assistant governor for any information or support! Let's do It!

## Save the Date

The District awards and District Governor Change-Over event will be held June 27 at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre. Details to be available soon.

## Stay with the Momentum / Staying in Touch

Recently someone commented, "Wow, there are many opportunities for engagement through service and celebrations in this District." Just read the newsletter to stay informed!

I am grateful for the tremendous efforts and work carried out daily by our District members! Let's achieve this year's goals with an incredibly strong finish as we continue to Be The Inspiration!

*"I joined Rotary because I wanted to make a difference. I stay because I am!"*

Sincerely,

**Ingrid**

# Links to articles recently posted to the District blog

## Spring 2019 Leadership Assembly prepared incoming club leaders for the next Rotary year



This spring's Leadership Assembly (March 8 and 9) was an opportunity to celebrate the successes of 2018-2019 and set the table for the next Rotary year, which begins on July 1.

Approximately 175 Rotarians attended this event, including District leaders and club presidents-elect and members of their leadership teams, including

for the first time, the presidents-elect of Rotary Clubs of Whitehorse and Whitehorse Rendezvous.

Effective July 1, these two Yukon clubs will become part of District 5370.

District Governor-Elect Tracey Vavrek used the assembly to introduce the 2019-2020 theme set by incoming Rotary International President Mark Maloney (RC of Decatur, Alabama): Rotary Connects the World.

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## **Harald Kuckertz is the third member of same Rotary club to receive German honour**

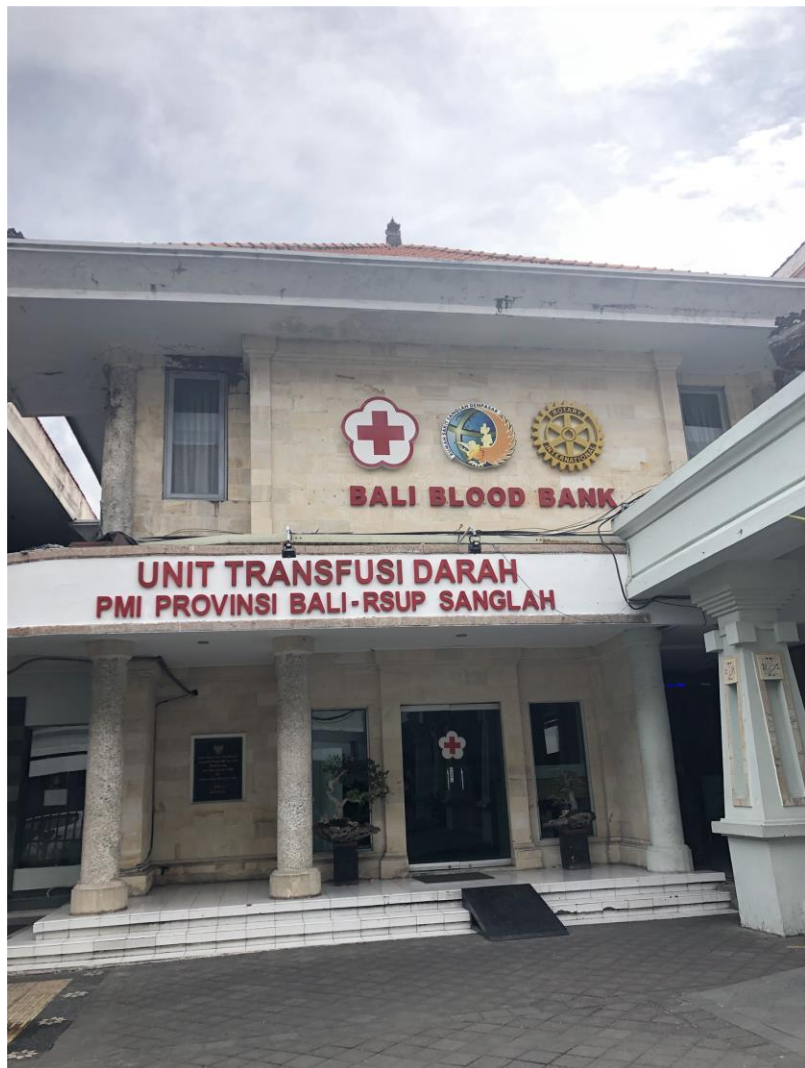
The phone call “came out of nowhere just before Christmas,” says Harald Kuckertz (RC of Edmonton Strathcona).

Sabine Sparwasser, the German Ambassador to Canada, was inviting him to come to Ottawa, where on January 19 Harald received the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.

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## **Indonesian Rotarians prepare to celebrate 20th anniversary of the life-saving Bali Blood Bank, built with support of District 5370 clubs**

The claim that Rotary-supported programs and projects save lives can be difficult to prove at times, but in the case of a 1999



project in Indonesia, the evidence is indisputable.

The Bali Blood Bank, the building of which was supported in part by 18 clubs from our District, saved lives.

“When in 2002 a terrorist bombing rocked Bali, the Rotary-funded Bali Blood Bank was instrumental in saving many victims’ lives,” writes Karl-Heinz Schmelzer (RC of Bali Nusa Dua) in an email to our District.

The attack killed 190 and injured hundreds more.

“If it was not for the blood bank, things would have been very much worse,” Freddy Subiyanto (RC of Bali Denpasar) is quoted as saying in an article in the December 2002 issue of *The Rotarian*.

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# Club and District announcements and events

## **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. [Click here](#) to read about the 2018 winners.

## **2019 Capital Region Integrity Awards**

Please attend this annual event that honours non-Rotarians for their integrity as citizens.

Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Double Tree by Hilton

16615 109 Ave., Edmonton AB

[Event Information & Ticket Link](#)

**The Rotary Club of Edmonton Riverview presents:**

[An Elegant Evening of Scotch Mist](#), featuring the Scotch of GlenAllachie (Just released in Canada)

Friday, May 10, 2019

Cocktails: 5:30 pm (cash bar)

Dinner: 7:00 pm

Royal Glenora Club, 11160 River Valley Road, Edmonton  
(Free parking on site)

[Tickets: \\$160 per person](#) (Includes a four-course meal with Scotch pairings)

Note: Adult-only event (18+ years of age)

Proceeds will be used to support inner-city programs

### **MacEwan Rotaract Polio Plus Fundraising Gala**

The **MacEwan University Rotaract Club** invites you to an evening of acting, singing, dancing, and fundraising!

Friday, May 10, 5:30 PM – 11:00 PM

Southwood Community League

1880 37 Street Northwest

Edmonton, AB T6L 2R2

[Tickets: \\$85](#)

### **Rotary Club of Nisku Leduc Annual Lobsterfest**

Friday, May 24, Redtail Landing Golf Club Banquet Centre, 435 Airport Perimeter Rd #7, Edmonton International Airport

Tickets (\$75) are available from Smitty's Restaurant in Leduc ([Leduc-alberta@smittys.ca](mailto:Leduc-alberta@smittys.ca), 780-986-8923) or from Mark Gallant ([mar.gallant@shaw.ca](mailto:mar.gallant@shaw.ca), 780-720-5998)

## **Rotary Club of Edmonton Mayfield**

### **Pub Nite & BBQ**

DATE: Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

Location: Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club

Address: 11420 139<sup>th</sup> St. (Behind Telus World of Science)

Have Some Fun & Learn to Lawn Bowl (or just come out for the social aspect!)

5:00 pm (if you want/need a little instruction)

5:30 drinks from \$5 beers, coolers, wines & highballs

6:00 – 8:00 Try your hand at lawn bowling - optional!!)

**BBQ**- Hamburgers (beef or vegetarian), potato salad, cold slaw & dessert

Cost \$15 per person

\*\* If interested in bowling, please wear flat soled shoes (runners etc.- NO spikes or high heels)

Please RSVP to [grant@aligrawineandspirits.com](mailto:grant@aligrawineandspirits.com) and let me know if you are going to give it a go at lawn bowling (so we know how many coaches to bring out) and/or if you will be participating in the barbecue - so we know how many burgers (meat or vegetarian) we need to order).

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## **2019 Rotary International Convention**

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

Invitations have been sent out to all registrants attending the international convention in Hamburg for a District gathering on June 3 at the Gasthaus - Hofbraeu Wirtshaus.

[Please register](#) so that we can confirm your place at the venue!

### **Rotary Club of Sherwood Park**

27th Annual Charity Golf Classic

Wednesday, June 5

Belvedere Golf and Country Club

HWY 21 and Ellerslie Road

6:45 a.m. Registration and Early Bird Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

[Click for more information](#)

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## People of Action – 2019 District 5370 Conference



Rotary District 5370 Conference — October 3–5, 2019  
Grande Prairie, AB

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

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**The International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians (ITFR)** brings together people with love to Rotary and tennis. ITFR has 1800 members, but is missing several districts and countries.

I'm organizing next ITFR 15th World Championship in Tartu, Estonia 23.-31.08.2019 and I'm making an effort to attract new Rotarians to join tennis fellowship. World Championship would be good place to get first impression and meet Rotarians with same interest.

Championship is not high-level sport event, but versatile Rotary gathering with tennis, delicious food, great entertainment and interesting talks among friends. As Rotary event, it's naturally bound to charity. All tournament remnant fund will be directed to End Polio Now and Maarja Village charity projects (<https://itfr2019.ee/charity/>).

All information how to join ITFR and participate ITFR World Championship can be found at homepage <http://itfr2019.ee/>. There is early bird discount for registration with deadline 15.05.2019.

Erkki Leego, Tartu Toome Rotary Club President 2018-2019

ITFR 2019 WC Tournament Director

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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](mailto:nmscott@telus.net) by June 1 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.