



## District 5080 to District 9500 - October 2019

The recent visit by eight Rotarians from District 5080, 3 couples from Idaho, U.S.A. and one couple from British Columbia, Canada was a huge success. They were hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Regency Park, Maitland and Adelaide.

**Regency Park** - Sunday 20 to Wednesday 23 October  
The visiting Team were hosted by three Rotarian families and during that period we travelled with them to Clare Valley, McLaren Vale and various other places of interest around South Australia. They attended our Club weekly meeting and gave a presentation of where they came from and what Projects they were involved in. They actively involved with members and really showed what Rotary is all about.

They were people from very different backgrounds very friendly and engaging. As a Rotarian Club it was a pleasure to be involved in this Rotary Friendship exchange and I recommend it to other Clubs to become involved in these types of Projects

*Jack Kelso*



*D5080 Friendship Exchange Team with RC Regency Park Hosts at Mount Lofty*

**Maitland** - Wednesday 23 to Sunday 27 October



*D5080 Friendship Exchange Team with Maitland Team at Port Wakefield*

Our opportunity to be involved with the Friendship Exchange Group from District 5080 was a real bonus for us.

Each of the host families had an experience that we will remember forever.

We showed them our favourite spot at Black Point, enjoyed sightseeing the highlights of farming on the Peninsula and visited the Copper Triangle.

Their enthusiasm to join in all planned activities was great and their presentation to our Club meeting was well received by all. We all plan, in the not too distant future, to visit the couples we hosted, either with the proposed Friendship Exchange or privately at a later date.

We have really appreciated the opportunity to have hosted each of the wonderful couples and as a Club, the privilege to be involved.

*Hugh Wearing*

**Adelaide** - Sunday 27 to Thursday 31 October

Four households from our Club hosted couples for four nights during the final leg of the exchange. Whilst in our care, our guests experienced international T20 cricket at Adelaide Oval, a morning tea at Government House including a personal chat with His Excellency The Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, visits to the Barossa Valley, Rundle Mall, Penfolds Magill Estate numerous other sites and a get-to-know you evening with Club Members. Our guests were full of praise for the hospitality and friendship shown by all their hosts. Thanks must go to all involved, especially Reg Hutchinson who co-ordinated the entire exchange, and is also planning a reciprocal visit in 2020.

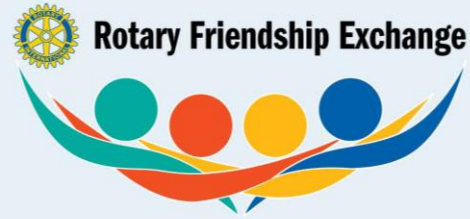
*Brenton Whittenbury*



*D5080 Friendship Exchange Team with Governor Hon Hieu Van Le, Mrs Lan Le & RC Adelaide Hosts at Government House*

**Rotary Friendship Exchange District 5080 To District 9500**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

| <b>D5080 Team Members</b>  | <b>Regency Park Hosts</b>         | <b>Maitland Hosts</b>           | <b>Adelaide Hosts</b>                   |
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| <b>Steve and Tamara Verby</b><br>RC Sandpoint,<br>Idaho USA          | <b>Jack and Margaret Kelso</b>    | <b>Peter and Julie Bagshaw</b>  | <b>Reg &amp; Kaye Hutchinson</b>        |
| <b>Sandy Patano and Jack Riggs</b><br>RC Coeur d'Alene,<br>Idaho USA | <b>Brian and Heather Wheatley</b> | <b>Hugh and Marion Wearing</b>  | <b>David Everett</b>                    |
| <b>Pat and Lara Whalen</b><br>RC Coeur d'Alene,<br>Idaho USA         | <b>Brian and Heather Wheatley</b> | <b>Rob and Faye Davey</b>       | <b>Brenton &amp; Amanda Whittenbury</b> |
| <b>Dave and Wendy Simpson</b><br>RC Nelson<br>Daybreak<br>BC Canada  | <b>Jack and Anne Pappin</b>       | <b>Neil and Chris Kohlhagen</b> | <b>Rob &amp; Kerrin Falconer</b>        |



**ROTARY DISTRICT 5080**

*District 5080 proudly proclaims the true spirit of Rotary: "There are no borders". Our District has always maintained its international status. It consists of the geographic area of Southeastern British Columbia, Canada, Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington State, USA. We have a geographical diversity that includes snow capped mountains, pristine lakes, fertile agricultural areas and mountain deserts. In 2015, the district consisted of 62 clubs with a membership of about 2750 Rotarians.*



**Rotary Friendship Exchange**



**ROTARY DISTRICT 5080**

*D5080*  
*Southeastern British Columbia,*  
*Northern Idaho & Eastern*  
*Washington State*  
*to*  
*D9500*  
*Australia*  
*October 20-31*  
*2019*



## Steve and Tamara Verby

### Team leaders



Steve and Tamara are fun loving semi-retirees who live in Sandpoint, Idaho, named the most beautiful small town in America by two national U.S. publications. They enjoy hosting in their lakeside home on beautiful Lake Pend Oreille.

Steve and Tamara have three daughters and three grand-children. Steve was president of his 80 plus member Rotary Club in 2014-15 and serves on the board of directors. He is on District 5080's Group Friendship Exchange (GFE) Committee and has been for 10 years.

Steve and Tamara have hosted seven GFE couples, including three groups from Australia. They have never been on an outbound GFE experience.

Steve practiced law for two decades before becoming a District Judge for the State of Idaho. He continues to work part time. He is known for his sense of humor and his ready smile.

Tamara is the accounts manager for The Festival at Sandpoint, which puts on eight outdoor musical concerts every August.

Steve and Tamara have a wide variety of interests. They especially enjoy outdoor activities. Tamara is a runner. Steve loves to fish. They enjoy wine and are part of a wine tasting group. Neither smokes. Steve should avoid high carbohydrate foods; Tamara has no restrictions.

The Verbys are excited about their first outbound RFE: meeting new people and forming lasting friendships.

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## Sandy Pattano and Jack Riggs



Entrepreneur Jack Riggs attended medical school, served in the U.S. Air Force as an emergency room physician, and then developed urgent care facilities in Northern Idaho. He was elected to the Idaho State Senate and later served as Lt. Governor of Idaho. Most recently, he was CEO of Pita Pit USA until the end of last year.

Sandy was a district and then Statewide Director for a U.S. Senator from Idaho for nearly 25 years. She remains active in civic, state and community affairs. Jack and Sandy are also currently involved together in a small consulting group called REPHASE. Combined, they have four married children and seven grandchildren (so far), all residing in the Coeur d'Alene area.

Sandy became a Rotarian in 1989, and Jack in 1992. In 1996, Sandy became the first female president of the Coeur d'Alene Rotary Club in its 75-year history, and Jack currently serves on the Coeur d'Alene Rotary Club Board. As time permits, they enjoy travel to new places, social opportunities with family and friends, boating, and time outdoors.

Jack and Sandy have no food allergies and enjoy wine as well!

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## Dave and Wendy Simpson



Dave and Wendy have previously hosted teams at their home on Kootenay Lake outside Nelson. Dave is a member of the Rotary Club of Nelson Day-break.

Wendy worked most of her career as a Registered Nurse in the Emergency Room and Operating Room. She married Dave in 1969. They moved to Nelson in 1977 and have two kids Bronwen and Kerry; both live in Nelson with their families. Wendy's interests are her 5 grandchildren, gardening and crafts. She is very active in the Grans to Grans organization which supports Grandmothers raising their orphaned grandchildren in Africa.

Dave joined the Canadian Navy in 1966 and received a machinist apprenticeship. In 1971 he attended University in the Faculty of Education and started his first teaching job in 1972 in Williams Lake, moving to Nelson (where he taught high school and enjoyed coaching) in 1977. His interests include golfing, woodworking, Rotary and his grandchildren.

Since retirement in 2004 Dave and Wendy have been enjoying travelling and spend a few months each year heading south to Palm Springs, California to avoid the cold winters.

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## Pat & Lora Whalen



Patrick Whalen has been a Rotarian since 1993, when he joined the Coeur d'Alene Rotary Club. He is a past president and has been an active member of the club. Lora Whalen joined the Coeur d'Alene Rotary Club in 2003, immediately following a Rotary centric trip to Honduras, where she and Patrick were part of team following up on project monies donated by their local club.

Lora is employed as the director of Panhandle Health District (PHD), one of 7 health districts in the state of Idaho. PHD provides over 40 different public health programs to citizens and organizations in North Idaho. Lora is a Registered Nurse (RN) and a retired US Army Captain. She is an active member of her local Rotary club and has served as committee chair and club board member.

Patrick is employed as VP and Chief Technology Officer of Intermax Networks, a company providing internet services (ISP) via a fiber and microwave wireless network. A 30+ year veteran of the computer industry, Patrick has witnessed the explosive growth and rapid changes that technology has wrought in modern business.

Neither Patrick nor Lora smoke or have intrusive allergies. Both enjoy a nice red wine.

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