



# ROTARY DISTRICT 5020 NEWSLETTER

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR:  
ROSE BOWMAN

**SEPTEMBER...**

## **BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH!**

**Governor Rose's September Message:**

*As of this writing Leon and I have visited 30 clubs. The welcome and the hospitality is very humbling and much appreciated.*

**Basic Education and Literacy programs** are alive and thriving in all of the clubs we have visited so far; I am sure this is true also in future clubs.

• **SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL STUDENTS**

100% of the local clubs we have visited to date give scholarships to students in their local schools and where they exist also in the colleges. Would not it be great if we had a total value for all the local scholarships in our district! It has to be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

• **Many clubs honor their speakers** by presenting a book to a local program for Literacy for young students. I am always honored to sign the book given in my honor.

• **Many clubs provide dictionaries** for the third grade students in their service area. This is a real printed dictionary, not an online dictionary.

• **We have clubs who provide mentoring** for challenged students at their local school. What a concept, help those struggling students when they are early in their education experience so they can succeed.

• **We have clubs whose members read** to the young students to trigger their interest in reading.

• **Gig Harbor Rotary members** are encouraged to spend just one hour each week mentoring and encouraging young students who are challenged.

• **The Bremerton Rotary's AVID program** is outstanding. In their class of 2015 all 24 of the students in the mentoring program are college bound receiving over one million dollars of scholarship offers. The Rotarians spend just an hour a week with the assigned student. You can visit the House of Friendship at the 2016 District Conference to learn more, or just phone up a Bremerton Rotarian.

• **Some clubs provide laptops** for students who can't afford their own.

• **Many clubs including my own Chehalis Rotary provide back to school backpacks** loaded with appropriate school supplies so the disadvantaged and homeless students can begin school on the same level as your and my children and grandchildren will begin school.

**Judy Henderson, Olympia Rotary is the District Literacy Chair.** 360-481-5949. judy@hendersonlaw.net. Judy would love to answer any of your questions and share ideas from across the district.

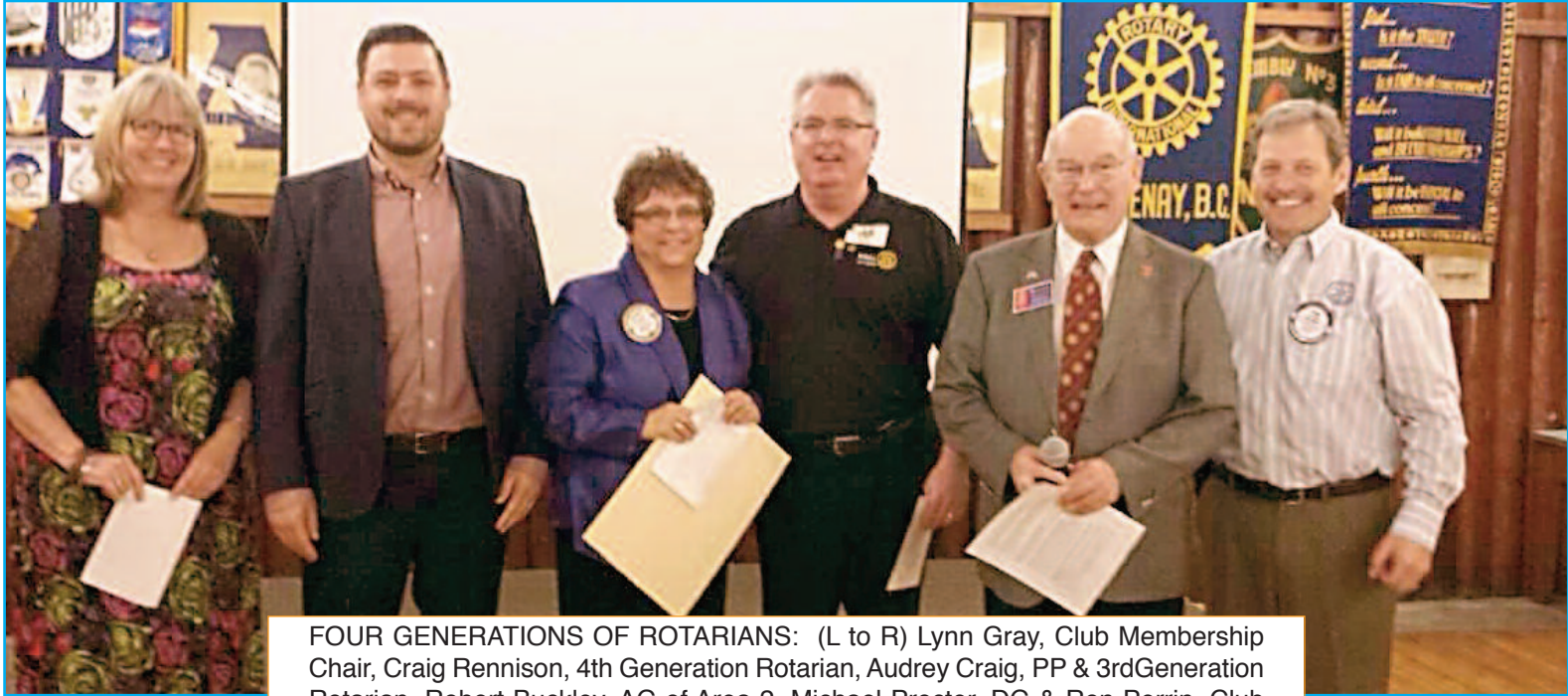


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*Rose*

– Rose Bowman, District Governor

# Courtenay Rotary inducts family's 4th Generation into their club



FOUR GENERATIONS OF ROTARIANS: (L to R) Lynn Gray, Club Membership Chair, Craig Rennison, 4th Generation Rotarian, Audrey Craig, PP & 3rd Generation Rotarian, Robert Buckley, AG of Area 2, Michael Procter, DG & Ron Perrin, Club President of the Rotary Club of Courtenay.

At the recent District Council meeting on the 19th of June in Nanaimo, I shared with all of you an event that is very rare at least I have never heard of it happening in my Rotary history. Our Club, the Rotary Club of Courtenay inducted the 4th generation of Rotarian from the same family in the same Rotary Club. This newly inducted Rotarian is Craig Rennison, the son of Audrey Craig, a Past President also of our Club.

*The lineage is as follows:*

- **1st generation** – P. Leo Ander-

ton (Craig's Great Grandfather) – founding and charter member of the Rotary Club of Courtenay in 1936, the Club's first Secretary, Club President in 1946-47, Rotarian for 31 years and his classification was real estate and insurance,

- **2nd generation** – L. Wilfred Anderton (Craig's Grandfather) – Club President in 1965-66 (was a member of the Rotary Club of Courtenay for 52 years), Rotarian for 52 years and his classification was also real estate and insurance. His father Leo Anderton had to go

senior active so that Wilfred could become a member,

- **3rd generation** – Audrey Craig (Craig's Mother) – Club President in 2008-09 to-date serving 18 years in Rotary, and her classification is insurance &

- **4th generation** – Craig Rennison – joined Rotary in mid-April of 2015, and his classification is also insurance.

As is evident, this is truly an amazing legacy, collectively this family has just over 101 years of dedicated Rotary service in the same Rotary Club.

In Celebration of Membership - Learn - Network - Share Ideas

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# Membership Summit

Free to attend • Four locations to choose from

# BLAST OFF!



The Rotary Club of Longview presents Tour de Blast. It is your chance to explore Mt. St. Helens by bike.

The Club provides an outstanding ride experience with 3 routes to choose from – 33, 54 or 82 miles. The Rotarian support along the route is legendary with three major rest stops for food, beverages and other necessities. The Ride starts and concludes at the Toutle Lake School campus where showers are available for riders and a Pasta Feed is included.

The 2015 version of Tour de Blast takes place on September 12

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STACY LEE TOPPING raises her bike in elation following the 2014 event. "We have plenty of room for riders on Sept. 12. We hope other Rotarians will join us on the mountain!"

**> We Welcome "DAY OF RIDE" Registration <**

## Government of Canada partners with Rotary Foundation Canada to eradicate Polio and reduce poverty in developing countries

An announcement has been made by the Canadian Government that will have an impact on the Canadian Rotary clubs within our District. One part of the announcement was the matching of funds on a 2:1 basis for donations made by Rotarians & Canadian Rotary clubs to PolioPlus for 4 years. This means with the Gates match it is a 5:1 match!



The second part of the announcement is just as exciting. Senior Rotary leaders in Canada have been working with the Canadian government for funds to be used on our international projects. Canadian Rotary clubs & districts will be able to access government funding through TRF

Canada that will then be used to obtain further funds from the World Fund of TRF. The Government of Canada will contribute up to \$6 million to support Rotary Foundation Canada's efforts to help advance maternal, newborn and child health, secure the future of children and youth, and increase sustainable economic growth in under-served communities in developing countries.

The mechanics are still being worked out and we should see more news in September.

**Terry Toone**  
*District 5020 End Polio Now Chair*

### District 5020 Membership Summit Free to Attend Four Locations

**Let's Grow Membership Together!**

This Fall the District Membership Committee is providing four free regional Summits. Open to all Rotarians, we encourage Club Presidents, President Elects, Membership Chairs and Committee Members to attend to learn about new ideas for membership, network, and share our successes. Join us!

- September 19th - Olympia
- September 27th - Victoria
- October 3rd - Suquamish
- October 17th - Lantzville

Visit [www.rotary5020](http://www.rotary5020) for more information

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All Summits 9:00 am - Noon

Light refreshments and beverages will be served

**Saturday, September 19th - Olympia**

Red Lion Hotel

Optional No-Host Breakfast Buffet 8:00

**Sunday, September 27th - Victoria**

Harbour Towers Hotel & Suites

**Saturday, October 3rd - Suquamish**

Clearwater Resort and Casino

**Saturday October 17th - Lantzville**

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- Expand our Understanding of New Membership Concepts - Building on DLTA

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- Share Ideas and Successes
- Network with Other Club Leaders

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- Explore Data on Rotary Young Professionals
- Learn What's New in Membership Best Practices

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# Comox Valley Ribfest set for September 18-20th in Courtenay

Your friends and colleagues at The Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise are holding their first ever COMOX VALLEY RIBFEST this coming September 18-19-20 at The Comox Valley Exhibition Grounds in Courtenay, BC

The three day festival is FREE (although we are encouraging donations at the gate) and will include: Five Professional Ribbers, up to 15 additional Vendors, beer, wine, and cider from Big Rock Brewery, Hoyne Brewing Co., and 40 Knots Vineyard & estate Winery, 'Three Days of FREE 'live' entertainment on the main stage, West Coast Amusements carnival rides, and a Classic Car Show element on the Sunday.

When attending be sure to participate in our 'People's Choice Awards' for a chance to WIN a \$500

Gift Card to Canadian Tire ... just text in a vote for your favorite ribber to the specified # (to be announced).

We're looking after our volunteers too! So, if you want to enjoy some great food & entertainment and if you're keen to volunteer too, for every volunteer shift you register for and complete your name will be entered in the volunteer only prize draws for a chance to WIN a 42" Full HD LED TV, plus up to one of twenty x \$25 gift Cards from Canadian Tire. To get in on the volunteer list please email Marcia Allardice ASAP at: malardice45@gmail.com

Meanwhile, check out our website [www.comoxvalleyribfest.ca](http://www.comoxvalleyribfest.ca) for more details (we're adding more information as we go) , and please 'like' and SHARE our Facebook

Event Page located at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/731990690262985/> .

The Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise, Courtenay, BC.

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and is regarded as one of the most amazing rides in Washington. Riders come from all over for the

One of 2014 "Tour de Blast" rest stops where riders are treated extremely well.



experience: " I ride well know events: Triple Bypass, Ride the Rockies, Elephant Rock Ride, Copper Triangle, Santa Fe Century. Your event ranks right up there. The food was the best I've experienced" Mark A. Hanson, Colorado.

Rotarians are invited to join us for this unique fundraiser which provides for our generous Rotary Scholarships. In 2015, we were able to provide (10) \$1500 scholarships. Check out the Tour de Blast website [www.tourdeblast.com](http://www.tourdeblast.com) and get yourself and your friends registered. Lots of friendly riders from all over the world! Each year we are excited to see the newbies who join us for the first time and keep coming back for more Tour de Blast.

**For more information** see the website or the Tour de Blast Facebook page. Feel free to contact us at 360-414-5990 just ask for Debbie.

*“A comedian, a robot,  
two Providence doctors  
and Rotarians walk  
into a lodge...”*

# Learning Through Laughter

and introducing the new da Vinci<sup>®</sup> surgical robot



**Thursday, Oct. 1, 6-8 p.m.**

**Great Wolf Lodge**

20500 Old Highway 99 SW, Centralia, WA 98531

**Keynote speaker:**

**Mack Dryden, humorist**

Mack Dryden just may be the funniest two-time cancer survivor in the country. Don't miss a special night when this well-known humorist, Tonight Show guest and Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher writer brings his motivating – and often uproarious – perspectives to Great Wolf Lodge.



### **Introducing the da Vinci robot**

Presented by Providence Regional Cancer System and Centralia Rotary, you'll also learn about state-of-the-art local cancer care and have a chance to interact with the new Providence St. Peter Hospital da Vinci surgical robot – a powerful new tool for fighting cancer.

Comedy and cancer don't normally mix, but Dryden's ability to maintain a sense of humor in the face of cancer is inspiring for cancer patients, their families, friends and the entire community.

The event is free but registration is encouraged. Register at **1-855-360-5475** or **[www.provregister.org](http://www.provregister.org)**. Food, beverages and facility are provided by Centralia Rotary.

### **Featured speakers:**



**Joshua Z. Press, M.D.,  
OB-GYN**



**Marina Cheng, M.D.,  
urologist**

Presented by Centralia Rotary  
Project Foundation and

