



ROTARY DISTRICT 5020

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Be a gift
to the world

DISTRICT GOVERNOR:
ROSE BOWMAN

BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD

Governor Rose's July message:

As we begin our new Rotary year, I quote our International President Ravi Ravindran "Each one of us is made because so many people helped us become who we are". That is why the focus in his year is all about giving back. That is why the focus for you and me should be "all about giving back."

As each of our clubs settle in for the new Rotary year it is important for each of us as a Rotarian to reflect on those who have helped and inspired us along the way. We each seldom have a chance to reciprocate, therefore the only way we can reciprocate is by helping others. That is what "**Be A Gift to the World**" is all about.

As we consider our "**Be A Gift to the World**", we have to remember that Rotary's extensive humanitarian service throughout the world would not be possible without the Rotary International Foundation. It is most important to understand that when we donate it does fund projects all over the world, however it funds much, much more.

POLIO IMMUNIZATION



Simply think about it: This one dollar in US funds will pay for polio immunizations for 10 – **I repeat 10 CHILDREN**. *Who among us cannot give at least one dollar?*

If the fund accomplished no other goal than world service, it is enough for me to participate. However, a portion of the dollars donated from our District come back to us to support our individual club community projects and our individual club international projects.

In my own home club of Chehalis, WA, those funds provide us the resources to provide a backpack filled with needed school supplies to each homeless child in the school district. Yes, we even purchase

the items needed to participate in the gym and sports programs. The students arrive at school fitting in and ready to go. In addition we are able to pay student fees so these identified students can join in the extra activities (both sport and social) the same as other students coming from a normal established home.

The vitality of Rotary is its members. Without the members we would not be able to be successful for our community service or global projects. That is why we need to be open minded and develop an atmosphere that keeps the members we have and attracts new members to our clubs.

No person is too old or too young to join Rotary (remember there is Interact and Rotaract). A Rotarian does not need to be employed at all. My perfect example is when the other grandparents of our grandchildren, who had always lived and worked on the east coast of the US, retired and moved to Washington to be with our mutual grandchildren. Leon proposed the grandfather, Neil, to be a member of his club. Neil has been an active Rotarian and a go-to person for many special events.

One idea is to ensure we schedule the meetings and structure to keep our members energized and connected. There is no set agenda or protocol as to how to run your meeting or where and what time your meeting happens. The main trick is not to change it around without all the members being clued in on the new plan.

I look forward to meeting as many as possible on my Governor travels and club visits.



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Rose

CLUB & MEMBERS AWARDS FOR THE 2014-2015 ROTARY YEAR

LITERACY AWARD WINNERS 2015

Campbell River Daybreak.....	(10 projects)
Courtenay	(10 projects)
Duncan Daybreak.....	(10 projects)
Longview	(10 projects)
Royal Oak Centennial.....	(10 projects)
Tacoma North	(10 projects)
Olympia	(10 projects)
Qualicum Beach Sunrise	(14 projects)

Five or more projects:

Comox
Westshore
Port McNeill
Cumberland Centennial
Qualicum Beach
Strathcona Sunrise
Parksville AM
Tacoma
Saanich
Tacoma Sunrise
Shelton Skookum
Victoria

2014-2015 PRESIDENTIAL CITATION AWARDS

Rotary Clubs:

Campbell River Daybreak
Lacey
Strathcona Sunrise – Courtenay
Courtenay
Longview – Early Edition
Yelm
Gateway Thurston County
Sooke

Rotaract Club: Victoria

Interact Clubs:

Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School – Comox
Highland Secondary School – Courtenay
G.P. Vanier Senior Secondary
School – Courtenay
Interact Club of Shelton High
School – Shelton

2014-2015 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Small Clubs

(Up to 40 members): 41 total Clubs

Best Percentage Growth:

1st Yelm Rotary	+58%
2nd Parksville.....	+21%
3rd Tacoma Sunset	+18%

Highest Absolute Gain:

1st Yelm Rotary	+7
2nd tie Clover Park, Ladysmith	+5
3rd tie Nanaimo Daybreak, North Mason, Parksville.....	+4

Medium Clubs

(41-70 members): 27 total Clubs

Best Percentage Growth:

1st Gateway Rotary	+35%
2nd Puyallup South Hill.....	+21%
3rd Sequim Sunrise.....	+14%

Highest Absolute Gain:

1st Gateway Rotary	+24
2nd Sequim Sunrise.....	+10
3rd Puyallup South Hill.....	+9

Large Clubs

(71 + members): 20 total Clubs

Best Percentage Growth:

1st Bainbridge Island Rotary.....	+9%
2nd West Olympia Rotary	+8%
3rd Campbell River Daybreak	+7%

Highest Absolute Gain:

1st Bainbridge Island Rotary.....	+10
2nd West Olympia Rotary	+6
3rd tie Campbell River Daybreak, Victoria Harbourside	+5

2013-14 FOUNDATION AWARDS

(2014-2015 awards not announced until after June 30)

Highest per capita Giving to Annual Fund

1st Lacey	\$376.32
2nd Oak Bay	\$353.56
3rd Parksville AM	\$349.70

Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)

(Averages \$100/capita):

Chehalis
Oak Bay
Sequim
Clover Park
Port Hardy
Sequim Sunrise
Duncan
Port McNeill
Tacoma Narrows

100% Sustaining (every member donated \$100 or more):

Tacoma Narrows

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Rotary Exchange Student prepares for a year in Finland

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Jeran Paris is a sophomore at Aberdeen High School (AHS). Those who know Jeran know that he is no ordinary high school student. Jeran participates in seemingly every activity AHS has to offer, including cross country, swim and dive, track, jazz band, marching band, wind ensemble, Grays Harbor Symphony, and Renaissance Action Team (RAT), as well as off-campus groups like Foreign Exchange through Rotary. Jeran, with a full AP schedule, excels academically as well and is studious in

spite of his many activities. For his upcoming junior year, Jeran has been of-



Jeran Paris will take an absence from his many activities at Aberdeen High School during his upcoming junior year to study abroad in Finland.

fered the chance of a lifetime: a yearlong exchange across the pond in Finland.

Before even being offered the opportunity to study abroad for a year, Jeran had to put in many hours of work. He did research, created projects and even drove to Victoria, B.C. twice to be interviewed by a team of five people before the decision was made. After being accepted, Jeran patiently waited several months before being assigned to his destination: Finland.

Jeran says he's most excited for the small side trips he plans on taking. "I get to go to St. Petersburg, which is in Russia, and I get to go into northern Finland to see the northern lights. I wanted to go to Finland because I was reading online about what the best schools in the world were, and that Finland was topping the charts in education. In Finland, you don't even start school until you're seven, and there are

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CLUB & MEMBER AWARDS

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Dean Peggs Plaque

(Highest per capita giving): Lacey

Al Brooks Award

(Every Rotarian donated some amount):

Chehalis

Duncan Daybreak

Nanaimo Oceanside

Port McNeill

Twin Cities

Clover Park

Gig Harbor Midday

Oak Bay

Sequim

Comox

Lantzville

Port Hardy

South Puget Sound

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

LEADERSHIP AWARD:

Michael Furlot, Rotary Club of Ladysmith

REGIONAL SERVICE AWARD FOR

A POLIO-FREE WORLD:

Nita Sell, Rotary Club of Tacoma

Wayne Cohen, Rotary Club of Port Orchard

Gerry Beltgens, Rotary Club of Ladysmith.

THE ROTARY SERVICE ABOVE

SELF AWARD:

Arvind Phukan, Rotary Club of Tacoma 8,
who through devotion and exemplary efforts
embodies Rotary's motto of "**Service
Above Self**".

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only about 20 kids in each class."

While abroad, Jeran says he hopes to continue his many activities. "I want to continue music, for sure, and I want to do sports, but different sports that aren't even feasible to do here, like indoor bandy. It's kind of like hockey, only indoors. And ice hockey, too."



Jeran Paris takes a break after track practice — just one of the many activities he trains for.