



# ROTARY DISTRICT 5020 NEWSLETTER

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## MAY IS YOUTH SERVICES MONTH

### Governor Rose's May message:

While our clubs focus on youth throughout the year; as our 2015-2016 Rotary year counts down to only May and June to finalize, it is a time when clubs focus on youth in many ways especially when it comes to providing scholarship support for furthering their education. So many clubs in our district are busy selecting their scholarship recipients for their annual awards. In my travels visiting clubs throughout our vast district, I found that almost every club in the district has a scholarship program to support students in their post-high school education; how impressive is that? Have you invited those recipients to visit your club so your members have the opportunity to meet them?

As the school year progresses to a close it is also a good time to stay in touch with your Interact and Rotaract students so that you keep them connected during the summer break.

The RI Council on Legislation which meets every three years, has completed its work. A huge thank you to PDG Brian Beagle for representing us at this important decision making event. I haven't had time to study all of the changes but the ones that I find most important to the future of Rotary are the ones that recognize that a "One Size Fits All Rotary Club" no longer works in today's world. There is now more flexibility in attendance rules; how often a club meets, who is allowed to join; membership classifications, the list goes on. While many clubs have been experimenting with Family and Corporate Memberships, it was confusing as to how to handle

them. The new legislation clarifies and makes that easier for our clubs.

Have you thought about a Satellite club? This is a group of members that belong to your club but establish their own meeting time and place that can be different than your regular club meeting. I actually encountered a few clubs whose membership is limited to the size of their meeting space. Isn't that a nice challenge to have? How about if some of their membership wished to be classified as a Satellite Club and meet at a different time and place?

As I write this Leon and I are busy planning for our trip to attend the International Convention in Seoul Korea. It has been an absolutely fabulous year. When we return our final responsibility is the District Conference on June 24 & 25. Have you registered? The speakers that Tom Carroll and his committee have lined up are World Class; they will be a great inspiration as you begin the 2016-2017 Rotary year.



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## Pacific Northwest PETS Seeks Training Leaders

Are you a highly-experienced group presenter? Have you served as an effective Rotary club president? Would you like to be part of a dynamic event to train future Rotary leaders? If so, this is your opportunity! Pacific Northwest PETS, the largest multi-district PETS in the Rotary world, is seeking experienced, qualified Rotarians to serve as session Training Leaders for PETS 2017. The seminar will be held in Seattle February 24-26, 2017.

This motivating and challenging position involves working with other training leaders and Rotary leaders

from throughout the PETS nine-district region to prepare and present facilitated training to over 500 presidents elect. Availability for advance participation in the preparation process and attendance at PETS is required. If you would like to be considered for this role, please contact: DGN Tom Carroll at [tomc.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:tomc.rotary@gmail.com) for more information and an application form.

**Applications must be received by May 10, 2017.**



# Rotary Club of Longview presents \$15,000 to Cowlitz Habitat for Humanity

Squirrel Fest 2015 was the vehicle used by the Rotary Club of Longview to raise \$15,000 for Cowlitz Habitat for Humanity to fuel their sweat-equity home building program. The check for that amount was presented by Rotary Club of Longview President Marti Johnson at the Club's regular meeting, February 17, 2016. Cowlitz Habitat for Humanity has been serving the local community since 2000. Habitat has been built on partnerships - partnerships with families, churches, area corporations, community organizations such as Rotary and individuals.

On hand to receive the check were Habitat President Liz Gray-Weekly and Office Coordinator Sandy Anderson. Anderson explained that Habitat usually has 2 builds each year when a carefully selected family and Habitat volunteers create a home for that family. The recipient family and their friends and relatives may put in hundreds of sweat equity hours building the home. Because of this large donation (\$15,000), 2016 may see three builds in our area. The donation will help to house a family of five – Mom, Dad and three daughters- in a four bedroom home in Longview.

Habitat President Liz Gray-Weekly reminded the audience that Habitat for Humanity is a hand-up organization where participants and future homeowners fully participate in the construction of their home with hands-on skills and labor. Many of the new homeowners



continue to help other selected families by donating their time and newfound skills for the next Habitat build. Gray-Weekly expressed profound gratitude to the Rotary Club of Longview and the hundreds of community members who enjoyed Squirrel Fest and helped to generate these funds.



## Our 2<sup>ND</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> Newsletter Videos!! **MORE CLUB VIDEOS!---**

Greetings from Victoria!

Noted the enthusiasm of the district newsletter's first video provided by the Sidney club.

The Rotary Club of Victoria has 10 minute (or so) video clips of many of its meetings.

March, for example:

Mar. 03 /16	<a href="https://vimeo.com/157709373">https://vimeo.com/157709373</a>
Mar. 10 /16	<a href="https://vimeo.com/158584081">https://vimeo.com/158584081</a>
Mar. 17 /16	<a href="https://vimeo.com/159451476">https://vimeo.com/159451476</a> (Saint Patrick's Day)
Mar. 24 /16	<a href="https://vimeo.com/160326146">https://vimeo.com/160326146</a>
Mar. 31 /16	<a href="https://vimeo.com/161134365">https://vimeo.com/161134365</a>

Not sure if this is the sort of video you are looking for, however many of our guest speakers have topics of significance to and for Rotarians.

Ken Lane, Director, Club #90



## Interact Club of Oak Bay selling Flag subscriptions



**"Kids in the Hall" at Oak Bay High School on April 1, 2016 (no fooling). Left to right: Nicole Frazer, Helena Tyson, Dave Thomson (Principal), Tara Matthews, and Ruby Tang. Photo by Shannon Giesbrecht.**

Interact Club of Oak Bay is selling subscriptions for the 2016 Canada Flag Program to support "local" and "international" services projects. The Interact Club will receive a commission of \$10.00 for every subscription sold. The Canada Flag Program is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Oak Bay and has been operating since 2013. Last year the program had more than 250 flag subscribers and the target for this year is 325.

The Interact Club of Oak Bay is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Oak Bay and is celebrating 25 years of community service. Interact is for young people ages 12 to 18 and every club carries out two service projects per year: one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding.





Nanaimo North Rotary hosts...

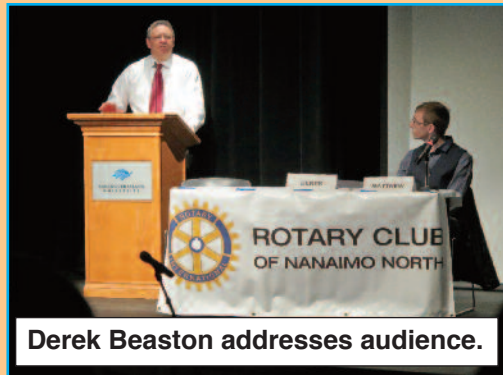
## Trade Information Workshop at Malispina Theatre

The looming crisis of too many opportunities and too few trades' people throughout British Columbia is quickly becoming a reality; and the widening void in skilled labour availability and a positive vision of future development is quickly becoming both a blessing and a challenge.

These words echoed throughout Vancouver Island's Malispina theatre last Thursday when trades' and training professionals, educators and a placement specialist painted a picture that indicated there is a serious need for more people to enter the wide gamut of trades' and services fields that are expected to explode over the next decade.

The program, hosted by the North Nanaimo Rotary club in cooperation with VIU, was a Trades Information Evening where students, those contemplating a change in trades and those looking for work opportunities, could come to learn about what's happening, how they can get involved and how careers in a variety of fields can be so rewarding.

Doug Podetz, Apprenticeship Advisor for the Industry Training Authority explained that by 2020 we could be looking at needing upwards of 159,000 trades' workers to fill the demands of burgeoning businesses while also addressing the increasing retirement of experienced workers. He indicated that, "big projects are just on the horizon throughout BC and it is essential we prepare now to meet the needs in all areas's



Derek Beaston addresses audience.

of opportunity." He went on to say that, "this concern is real and without the qualified people, major contracts could be lost."

The evening also included talks from Derek Beaston, Vice Principal Learning Alternatives, Career Technical Centre, Secondary School Apprenticeship Program (School District 68), Bill Lucas, Regional Employment Placement Specialist, Skilled Trades Employment Program (STEP), Dean Cadieux, Chair, Automotive Program and Motorcycle & Marine Technician Program and Doug Podetz, Appren-

ticeship Advisor, Industry Training Authority, Nanaimo.

A special guest speaker was Matthew Hais, a grade 12



Students and Speakers mingle in the lobby following presentations.

student from Nanaimo Christian Secondary School and VIU, who detailed how he saw an opportunity when he was young and how he went on to apprentice in a Carpentry Pro-

*See "Trade Workshop" >>>>*

## Local Rotary Exchange students share experiences



(left to right:) Hayley Carolan, Nanaimo (guest student who recently went to the RYLA conference in Tacoma); Sanuel Muir, from Switzerland; Harlan Colclough, from Nanaimo who exchanged to Norway; Alycia Patenaude, a student guest; Daniel Valdieri, exchange student from Columbia; Saeko Yabe, exchange student from Japan and Morgan King, from Nanaimo who is exchanging to Italy.

Nanaimo North's Rotary club had the privilege of having a number of exchange students visit their recent meeting and deliver inspiring talks about their travels, expectations, the differences in schooling and meeting new friends.

They spoke about language differences, isolation and how to overcome being away from friends and family and how rewarding it is to be in a different country and being able to have first-hand experiences with Rotary families and students that have become lasting friendships.





# RYLA NW concludes it's 47<sup>TH</sup> Year!

By Bill Evans, RYLA NW Liaison  
District 5020

RYLA NW capped its 47th year delivering a powerful and successful program to 129 students from throughout Districts 5030 and 5020. Congratulations to those clubs who sponsored students. If your students have not yet reported back to your club, please make time in your upcoming meeting schedule to invite them. There is no greater insight into the value of RYLA NW, than hearing firsthand accounts from the actual participants.

Bainbridge Island Rotary sent two young men to RYLA, one of whom was freshman (age 15) Sam Bloom. The impact RYLA NW makes is evident in his comments:

"RYLA is an experience of a lifetime. Not only does the four day conference teach you necessary skills to succeed, but it creates strong friendships. I'm still in touch with the amazing friends I made at RLYA. The speakers were all incredible and gave insightful advice to the students. If I could go back to RYLA next year, I totally would" --

A special note of thanks to those who make the effort year after year traveling from British Columbia. The volunteers/chaperones know better than anyone else the positive impact RYLA NW generates. Just ask them!! The international flavor created with participants from British Columbia results in an impactful and often life changing week-



end. Seldom do high school students interact with peers from another country. This is one of the many highlights of RYLA NW. Canadian students represented 21% of the total attendees this year, amongst them, Abby Buckley, (sophomore) sponsored by the Rotary Club of Courtenay:

"RYLA was very, very motivating, inspirational and I met a few new friends along the way. I had the pleasure of hearing from someone who lost his legs when he was 21, another man who was in hiding from Hitler in WW II. I will never forget these terrific speakers. The food was amazing as well....bonus! But one of my favorite programs was "Lead, Follow or Get Out of the Way"! The presen-

ter was very energetic and mentioned we can always achieve our goals if we work hard. All the speakers made me think about how I can become a successful leader. I will never forget RYLA... ..thank you once again!"

## RYLA NW FUN FACTS:

- Total attendees: 129 / 128 in 2015
- Female – 64%, Male – 36%
- Americans – 79%, Canadian – 21%
- Interact – 43%
- IMPORTANT: 2017 dates:

**March 16-19, 2017**

Put RYLA NW onto your calendar and please join us for the 48th anniversary celebration of the first RYLA in North America!!



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gram and work on his Business program at the same time.

The evening included a question and answer period and allowed those in attendance to learn more about the educational process and the wide variety of ancillary funding options that are out there for people looking to trades fields. "Today a trades' education or apprenticeship is a first choice alternative and one that pays big dividends," said Beeston. "For some it is their career path; for others they use the trades education as a stepping stone to other careers."

The Nanaimo North Rotary club is actively involved throughout Nanaimo and frequently pursues opportunities of bringing the community and different service and educational groups together.





# COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS... REACHING THOSE IN NEED

It's not the number of breakfasts served but it is the smiles and grateful eyes that make you feel you've really helped your community.

The Nanaimo North Rotary Club's Saturday breakfast at the Salvation Army centre is a highlight for the club and every second Saturday of the month (from 9:00 am to 11:30 am) it is an event that touches 160-180 people; people less fortunate, homeless, working poor, traveling through – people who are just hungry. For Rotarians, it's a labour of love and for those attending – it's free.

"The reward is a simple thank you, a teary-eyed smile or a high-five as people leave", explained Bill Robinson, from the Rotary club. "You just appreciate being able to make a difference in their lives," he said. "It's because we can, and we believe our service begins right here in our community, with people who need this hand-up", he said.

The Saturday morning breakfast program started three years ago when Jeff Tomlinson and Ed Poli along with a number of other Rotarians focused in on a need that was more than evident – hundreds of people were going hungry in the Nanaimo area. These individuals have access to a number of resources, but on weekends, there was a sort of vacuum where Rotarians felt



**Saeko and Daniel on the serving line.**

they could step up and deliver a program to help out.

"Initially we had no idea what the number would be like," said Tomlinson, "but soon we found out that the need was far greater than expected." Today, this monthly program (moved to the Salvation Army location downtown because of space limitations) is a welcomed addition to the variety of support programs that are being carried out throughout Nanaimo. "For us (Rotarians) it's not about where we are or how much we're serving, it's about getting food to men, women and kids from all ages who need a nourishing start to their day.

For some, it may be the only meal they might have on a weekend too," said Robinson.

On any given weekend it's nothing to go through 60 dozen eggs, 20 pounds of sausage, three litres or more of syrup and more than 200 cups of coffee and 10-15 gallons of juice. "We end up with 15 to 20 Rotarians (plus some family members and visitors) who eagerly look forward to being a part of this.



**Ed Poli pouring pancakes.**

There's a genuine feeling of not only serving, but of making friends. The result is being part of something bigger than yourself... and it's just inspiring," explained



**Jeff Tomlinson master stirrer.**

Robinson. "Sometimes it's just incredible to see how those in need really appreciate being given some respect and dignity; and that makes it worth all the effort," he added.

The Rotary club budgets for the breakfast and works closely with the Salvation Army to make sure no one leaves without feeling full and in some cases provides "go packs" for those people who might not have a prospect for food later in the day.



## New Logo for Victoria Rotaract Club

The Rotaract Club of Victoria has a spiffy new logo courtesy of member Sophie Gloy.

The logo features an Orca to emphasise Victoria's natural environment. The logo also shows a sail boat to represent both recreational sailing and the hard-working fishermen who operated out of local harbours.



Sophie is from the German island of Föhr, which is located just off the west coast of Schleswig-Holstein. She studied Business for 2 terms at U Vic and has now returned to Germany to complete her degree.

Sophie writes: "I am studying business administration and economics at the University of Passau in Germany. I decided to take a holiday term back in Germany to do some studies abroad to improve my English skills, and to get to know a different culture. For me, it was very important to choose a well-established and well-known university for business with a great exchange program. UVic is well known for their Peter B. Gustavson School of Business. Their exchange program is very well organ-

ized and offers a lot of opportunities to improve your personal skills. I chose

Canada because I wanted to get to know Canadians better, and I wanted to understand their lifestyle and what shapes them to be the way they are."

About Rotaract, Sophie writes: "There are approximately 25-30 active members in the Rotaract Club. We meet at UVic because most members are students. I joined the club in September 2015 and it was a very good decision. The club members gave me a very warm welcome, and I have made a lot of friends during my time here. The Rotaract Club made my time in Canada a unique experience and shows that there are committed people in the world who want to make a difference. It is a pleasure to be a part of this club. To get a little bit more involved, I became the Director of Club Services in the January-April 2016 spring term.

Sophie has returned to Germany now but her gift of a great logo will keep her connected to the Rotaract Club of Victoria for many years.

