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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5020

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE: **JOANNE CROGHAN**

August has been designated Membership and Extension month. When a friend asks, "Why are you in Rotary?" we Rotarians have a very strong sense of belonging. Not only do we thrive on long-term friendships, we eagerly welcome new members and encourage their involvement in our activities. We are a happy group and have lots of fun together both socializing at our meetings and working together in our communities. Some of us choose to venture further throughout the world to help those in need.

Rotary members join clubs by invitation. It is up to us — as members of a Rotary club in District 5020 — to invite friends and acquaintances to our meetings or events. I feel very fortunate that my husband is also a Rotarian. If your partner is not yet a member of a Rotary Club, it might be time to invite them to join either your club or another club in your area.

In the month of August many of us take time away from our regular work-day schedules to enjoy our warm days of summer. As we meet new

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people consider offering them the opportunity to be part of your Rotary club.

Today there are options for more flexibility in meeting frequency, format and attendance. We no longer expect perfect attendance but ask our members to make a difference in our communities. As Don and I have the privilege of traveling to the many clubs in our District and seeing the projects they have accomplished it makes us happy to be Rotarians in District 5020.

People come into Rotary for all kinds of reasons, but they stay because it is fun to be a Rotarian. It is satisfying to be a Rotarian because at the end of the day we can stand back and be proud of all that Rotarians have accomplished both in our communities and throughout the world.

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Joanne Croghan,
District Governor (2016-17)
photo: Darel Roa

VOCATIONAL SERVICE IS BACK – AND IT IS HUNGRY!

by David & Frances Stocks, Past District Governor (2011-12)
Rotary District 5020 Vocational Service Committee

Vocational Service (VS) has been hibernating for a few years. Very few Clubs have VS projects. Like a grizzly bear waking up in the spring, the District VS Committee wants to change that.

The first change is to create a business-friendly culture in our clubs. Most of us work for a living. For some strange reason, Rotary developed a culture of pretending that we did not care about our businesses and professions. Rotary forgot its second objective: recognition of all useful occupations as opportunities to serve society. How is your club celebrating the ways in which your members serve society through their work? How are your club members supporting the occupations of other members?

You've heard of the Panama Papers? This "leak" of millions of documents reveals a sewer of ugly behaviour by some of the world's leading politicians and corporations. We Rotarians claim to be

encouraging and fostering high ethical standards in business and the professions. What are we doing to combat creeping corruption and cynicism in the world of work?

Actually, some of our clubs are doing great VS projects. Poulsbo has a Career Pathways program to help teenagers choose a career. Gig Harbor works with inmates to prepare them for work after they are released. Some clubs hold Career Fairs or conduct mock interviews to help youngsters get started. Now we need the other 75 clubs to engage with VS.

Want some ideas for VS projects? The District VS Committee is eager to speak to your club. We can appear in person or via the web anywhere in the District. Just contact Darwin Husa at 206-780-1819 or Darwin@husaco.com. VS Committee members are hungry for VS projects but they promise not to eat more than their share of the food at your Club meeting!

TIPS FOR GROWING CLUB MEMBERSHIP

by Vicki Browning, Past President, Club Membership Committee Chair
Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island

A wise man once told me that a strong Rotary club is one that has good programs, good projects, and good fellowship. That man, Brian Beagle, was governor of our district at the time. I got to thinking about using his criteria to make our club even stronger. We had good programs and good projects — but our fellowship seemed lacking. Our club president decided to set our meeting time 15 minutes earlier to give members a little more time to visit with each other and our guests before the meeting started. What a difference it made! It's truly the little things that make a difference.

People don't usually come to a meeting unless they're invited. We each need to make an effort to invite guests and make sure they meet other members. We all need to be on the lookout for people we think would make a difference and invite them. They could be our neighbor, our child's teacher, or our dentist. They could even be a former Rotarian or a former exchange student. If we don't ask, we won't know.

If meetings are fun and programs are worthwhile, it's easy to please guests. They enjoy themselves and learn something at the same time.

That positive experience makes them want to come back — and can be a solid first step in becoming a Rotarian.

The Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island has found success in having an orientation/information session every other month at the home of one of our members. We call these Friday evening gatherings Friends of Rotary Reception. They are fellowship events with several members sharing their passion for Rotary while we enjoy heavy appetizers and beverages. We talk about the time and financial commitments as well as our projects so that people will make an informed decision about joining.

In addition, we invite our community members to volunteer in our annual fundraiser and they get to know us and share in our success. We get to know them as well. Our club is growing, so something is working. Maybe it's because we have good programs, good projects, and good fellowship. However, it might just be that we're actively inviting people to come check us out.



SATELLITE CLUB LAUNCHES MORE MEMBERS

by Jennifer Durham, District Membership Chair

DEFINITION: SATELLITE CLUB

A club whose members meet at a different time and location from their parent club but are still considered members of the parent club.

Twelve new members were added to the Gateway Rotary Club when they started a Satellite Club at the Panorama Retirement Community in Lacey.

This club first met for an informational meeting on June 6th and they inducted 12 members at their Charter event on July 18th. Their membership includes a number of former Rotarians who now reside in the community including their club President William Seeley who was a Rotarian and Past President in Walnut Grove California.

A Satellite club is an extension of the host club rather than a new club. The Rotary Satellite Club of Gateway-Panorama is independent to set its own meeting schedule and elect its own officers, yet its members are officially members of the Gateway Rotary Club who provides support to the club through two member liaisons and assistance with processes and programming.

If you think there is potential for a Satellite club in your area please contact the District Membership Committee for assistance. It is a terrific way to grow membership for your club and increase the number of Rotarians in our District!



In December 2013 the Ebola epidemic broke out in Guinea, then ripped through Liberia and Sierra Leone.

For over two years it racked up tragic loss of life and created social disruption. Extreme poverty, a dysfunctional healthcare system, poor sanitation and lack of clean water all contributed to the wildfire spread of the disease. The hemorrhagic fever threatened densely populated cities of West Africa,

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: IMPROVED SANITATION SAVES LIVES IN WEST AFRICA

photo credit Monrovia Rotary Club

endangering the lives of healthcare workers, crippling the capacity for medical clinics to treat those infected.

At the core of the epidemic were the ten West African countries in Rotary District 9101, including Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso, Mali, and Ivory Coast.

District 9101 Governor (2015-16), Marie-Irene Richmond Ahoua traveled across these West African countries numerous times, visiting the clubs in her district during her term in office. Continuously she was confronted by challenging health situations due to lack of proper sanitation and clean water.

Seeking to eliminate the unnecessary suffering that results from lack of sanitation, she developed the original ideas

for the Latrine Block Project, to provide proper and much needed sanitation to West African countries — especially in busy public places such as markets, bus stops, health centers, schools and rest stops along highways.

To begin, thirteen locations in Abidjan were selected for latrine block placement. Each location will be supervised by a trained manager, paid by the district of Abidjan. Abidjan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Rotary District 9101 providing maintenance and sustainability for the project.

As you will recall from our February 2016 District News, Pieter Koeleman, a member of the Rotary Club of Campbell River first heard about The Latrine Project when he traveled to the annual West Africa Project Fair in November 2015.

He was accompanied by his son as well as many other Rotarians from Qualicum Beach, Vancouver B.C., District 5010, and all across the United States from California to New York.

The total project cost to place thirty-three latrine blocks is \$200,000 (US).

A Rotary Global Grant was filed in March 2016. The four clubs of the Comox Valley in District 5020 have signed on to contribute to the project, as well as four clubs from North Vancouver Island, and Qualicum Beach.

Also involved are five clubs from districts across the US and Australia. Of the \$200,000 goal, about \$150,000 has been raised. Clubs and members are needed for additional support.

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Africa Latrine Block
Project Coordinator

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Rotary

Passport Club of Pierce County

A new type of Rotary Club



NEW PASSPORT CLUB TAKES FLIGHT

by Jennifer Durham, District Membership Chair

The 90th club in our District, the Rotary Passport Club of Pierce County, was chartered by Rotary International on June 8, 2016 and celebrated at an event in Tacoma on July 20th. Chartering with 26 members, the club has approved four additional members since with more in the pipeline.

For many the appeal of this new club is that it is the first in our District to employ a flexible meeting model as recently allowed by Rotary International.

Under the new legislation, clubs now have the flexibility to determine their meeting types and frequency as long as they have at least two meetings per month. These meetings can include formal meetings, social functions, service projects, and even web content and discussion. The Passport Club of Pierce County provides at least four opportuni-

ties each month to engage in Rotary including a monthly club meeting, service projects and volunteer opportunities, and social functions.

A Passport club is designed to be flexible, affordable and accessible. Its goal is to assist other local clubs with projects and to provide a home for new and transferring Rotarians who favor the variety and scheduling that the Passport model offers. It is also useful for new members who are deciding if a traditional club makes sense for them.

New clubs are the lifeblood of Rotary. Providing clubs with different meeting times, days and models in each community can help

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photo of Jennifer Durham by Darel Roa

us attract and retain more Rotarians. We all know that with more Rotarians we can do more good in the world. If you have any questions about new club models and think there is a need for a new club in your area, contact the [District Membership and Extension Committee](#) – we are here to help!

More info:
Passportrotary.org.

FLYING FLAGS RAISES FUNDS



To celebrate Victoria Day, Canada Day and Labour Day, residents in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada can expect to see over 300 Canadian flags flying on lawns of homes throughout the city. Flying a 2 x 4 feet flag on an 8 foot pole is a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Oak Bay.

The premise underlying this program (which is in its fourth year) is simple and patriotic. For a \$50 annual subscription Rotarians will temporarily erect a flag on the subscriber's lawn prior to the aforementioned holidays.

To subscribe to the flag program contact:

Joan Peggs at
250-598-1716

or
email:

flag@oakbayrotary.com

Visit us at:

www.oakbayrotary.com

CALLING ALL ALUMNI!

by Pete Taylor, Past District Governor (2013-14)

In our ongoing quest to expand Rotary membership, one of the areas where we could be doing a better job would be helping alumni of our various Rotary programs maintain their interest in being part of the Rotary family.

Who are alumni, you ask? Alumni include past participants in our Ambassadorial Scholarship, Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange, Rotary Peace Fellowship, RYLA, Vocational Training Team, Rotary Community Corps, Rotaract, Rotary Volunteer, Interact and Grants For University Teachers programs.

In order to help us track alumni currently living in our district, RI has forwarded a database. That's the good news. The other news is that the accuracy of the information is contingent on alumni keeping Rotary International (RI) up to date. Alumni have proven to be quite mobile, so this is where we need your help.

(1) If you know of any alumni currently living in District 5020 who are disconnected from Rotary, please help us reconnect with them by sending me their names, e-mail addresses and/or phone numbers. Please also let me know if they are now Rotarians in your club since this information would help us reach their classmates.

(2) Our goal is to establish regional alumni associations in four areas: (A) Pierce County; (B) the greater Victoria area; (C) Olympia; and (D) Centralia-Chehalis and Kelso-Longview. I am looking for someone from each of these areas to establish and maintain contact with those alumni in his/her area.

This is a marvelous opportunity to reconnect with some wonderful people who have benefitted from their participation in Rotary programs and who just might use this little spark to reaffiliate with Rotary on some level.

Thanks for your help. Please let me know if you have any questions (peterotary8@comcast.net) or are able to send the names of prospects.

**"NO ACT OF KINDNESS, NO
MATTER HOW SMALL, IS
EVER WASTED."**

—AESOP

If your
actions
inspire
others to
dream more,
learn more,
do more &
become more,
YOU ARE A
LEADER



ROTARY CLUB OF CENTRALIA

4th Annual Centralia Rotary Project Foundation

PHATE Golf Scramble Prostate Health Awareness Thru Education

Friday, August 26, 2016

at Newaukum Valley Golf Course

10:00 am Shotgun.

Registration begins at 8:30am.
Course: Newaukum Valley Golf Course,
153 Newaukum Golf Drive, Chehalis, WA 98532.

Entry Fee: \$300 per foursome or
\$75.00 per individual

includes golf, riding cart, range balls, tee prizes,
hot dog at the turn, lunch and prizes donated by local
businesses awarded at the prize ceremony.

Contact Arnie Guenther to register
Phone - (360) 388-6271
Email - arnieguenther@gmail.com

Proceeds will fund a free public prostate & gynecological cancer education forum in partnership with Providence Regional Cancer System to be held on October 6, 2016 at Great Wolf Lodge.



DOING GOOD:

LAKWOOD'S CLOVER PARK

Lakewood's Clover Park Rotary leadership transitioned from President Joyce Loveday to President elect James Hairston on June 15, 2016 at its installation banquet held in Tacoma Country Club.

At the installation banquet Dr. Joyce Loveday highlighted another dynamic Clover Park Rotary year and installed officers for the new Rotary year of July 2016 to July 2017. President Joyce's notable accomplishments include:

- After school programs
- Build-a-bike project
- School Leap Readers, books
- Elementary School field trip
- Tacoma Youth Chorus Scholarships
- and many, many more notable projects for youth and community

Lakewood achieved 108% of its Rotary International Annual Fund goal (\$7576) and raised another \$1,218 for the Polio Plus Fund.

The club received a district grant which allowed its membership to contribute \$7000 and 117 volunteer hours to the Emergency Food Network for the Break bag project that fed 2000 families over 3 extended breaks from school during the year.

It contributed \$4000 to international projects in Guatemala, Nepal, and Ethiopia.

KUDOS Clover Park Rotary!

www.cloverparkrotary.org



**LEAD WITH YOUR
HEAD,
HEART AND
HANDS.**

