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Rotary Serving Humanity is the theme that Rotary International President John Germ has chosen for this Rotary year. I very much like the theme because it speaks to everything we do in Rotary. Each club is very different in their focus and projects, but everything we do serves humanity in one way or another.



[photo credit: Darel Roa]

We can serve humanity by cheering up a fellow Rotarian at a weekly club meeting. We can serve humanity by participating in a project in our community. Or, we can spread our wings and visit another community either in our home country or another place in the world to help in one of our six areas of service:

- Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development

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# GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

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While our Rotary District is large both geographically and in numbers of Rotarians, our committee structure allows each Rotarian to connect

with the area of service that fits.

We publish a District Directory at the beginning of each Rotary year. If you do not have a hard copy of this directory, it is available to each of us by going to the District website, [Rotary5020.org/Directory](http://Rotary5020.org/Directory). There you will find not only the committee

chairs (Foundation, Membership, Literacy, International Service, Public Image, Vocational Service and Youth Exchange, to name a few) but individual members of the committees are also listed.

You may want to be a part of a particular committee, or you or your club members may want some help

from a committee or two. Feel free to contact committee chairs or members of any of our District committees for help or to offer help. Our District volunteers are here to help you.

Don and I look forward to meeting each of you as we travel through the District meeting with clubs and groups of clubs.

## ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

by Linda Krahm

All District 5020 Rotarians are invited to become involved in Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE).

The purpose of RFE is to promote peace and understanding, to discover cultural differences, and to learn about Rotary projects and opportunities in other districts. Its objectives are:

- to visit other Rotarians and their projects
- to tour the scenic areas in another Rotary district
- to experience the culture of another Rotary district
- to establish Rotarian contacts in areas where joint Rotary grant programs are in place or are proposed for the future.



In addition, RFE strives to cultivate Rotarian friendships around the world. And, of course, to have fun.

If you are interested in becoming part of a team that will be visiting Thailand District 3340 in the 2016-2017 Rotary year, please read the attachments, below, and carefully follow these steps:

Tentatively book the dates for both halves of the exchange on your calendar. [\[continued: Rotary Friendship Exchange p.3\]](#)

## DISASTER AID CANADA

The Rotary Club of Ladysmith recently presented an 'Evening of Celebration' benefit in support of Disaster Aid Canada (DAC). The event featured displays of the items that the charity provides to those in need. Included was the 'Family Survival Kit' which consists of a ten person tent, blankets, cooking utensils, water filtration equipment, basic construction tools and more. Also highlighted was DAC's 'Soap

for Hope' program that provides hygiene kits made from recycled/reused soap products.



Guest speakers included DAC Executive Director, Anne McIntyre who recounted her personal

experience with hurricane Patricia in Mexico, Claire Voldeng who experienced first hand the devastation of hurricane Winston in

[\[continued next column: Disaster Aid Canada\]](#)



*[photo credit: Darel Roa]*

## ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE [CONTINUED]

Talk to your Club President, Board and members to confirm their support for involvement in the exchange.

Read and fill out the forms attached here and submit it to Linda Krahn between July 15th and 30th.

- [Team Member Selection Criteria](#)
- [Call for Expression of Interest](#)
- [Application for Outbound Team](#)

You will be contacted in August whether you and your partner are successful applicants.



*photos courtesy of Frank Elsom*

## DISASTER AID CANADA [CONTINUED]

Fiji, Michelle Edgar and Shelley founders of the new Calgary Soap for Hope program, and The Town of Ladysmith Mayor Aaron Stone who praised DAC and Rotary for all that they do for others.

District 5020 club presidents were challenged to raise money for DAC. Thanks to the Rotary Clubs of Nanaimo, Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Armstrong, Oxbridge, Port Alberni, and individuals from the Saanich club for raising an additional \$7,750.

In total, approximately \$15,000 was raised because of this event.

DAC was founded by members of the Rotary Club of Ladysmith in 2003.

Visit [www.facebook.com/DisasterAidCanada](https://www.facebook.com/DisasterAidCanada)



# STAND WITH COURAGE



## MEET **DAZE**, COMPANION SPECIALIST AT MARY BRIDGE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

Rotary Clubs of Pierce County have been partnering with Mary Bridge Children's Foundation for 25 years on the Courage Classic, a 175-mile bike ride over 3 mountain passes, to benefit children of abuse.

The following story is told through the point of view of Mary Bridge's newest staff member, Daze the Facility Dog, who works with children of abuse every work day.



by Cindy Niemi | Major Gifts Officer  
Mary Bridge Children's Foundation | Foundations of MultiCare

I am Daze,  
**COMPANION  
SPECIALIST**, and  
the newest member  
of CAID, the Child  
Abuse Intervention  
Department at Mary  
Bridge Children's  
Hospital in Tacoma,  
WA.

You are my heroes  
and role models  
because you too  
have been at the side  
of abused children,  
giving them courage,  
for the last 25 years.

### **ROTARY HAS A STARRING ROLE IN COURAGE CLASSIC.**

I've been told about  
the history of this  
challenging three-  
day bicycle ride  
and how 100% of  
the fundraising  
is dedicated to  
healing victims of  
child abuse through  
the permanent  
endowment  
established by  
Rotary.

Can you hear my  
tail thumping with

excitement? If this  
year's Courage Classic  
can raise another  
\$700,000, the Rotary  
endowment will reach  
your \$10 million goal.

This year marks a  
milestone the 25th  
Courage Classic  
three-day ride. I love  
these kids, and I love  
that you continue  
to support them by  
riding, by volunteering,  
or making generous  
gifts.

Please join me on  
this ride and help  
abused children heal.  
I can't wait to smell  
all the food that will  
be provided by 350  
Rotarians from 15  
clubs in Pierce County,  
at 11 rest stops over  
three full days. I heard  
there will be around  
550 riders – lots of  
hugs for me!

### **RIDE, VOLUNTEER OR MAKE A DONATION.**

Go to [courageclassic.org](https://courageclassic.org) for details and  
to make a donation.  
You can even make

your gift in honor of  
someone close to your  
heart. (Or give me  
a virtual pat with a  
donation honoring me,  
Daze!)

**Again, thank you  
for your legendary  
support.** Remember,  
your gift of time or  
funds helps little kids  
who have been abused,  
often by those who  
should have loved and  
protected them. I will  
be there by each child's  
side. With your gift, you  
will be there too.

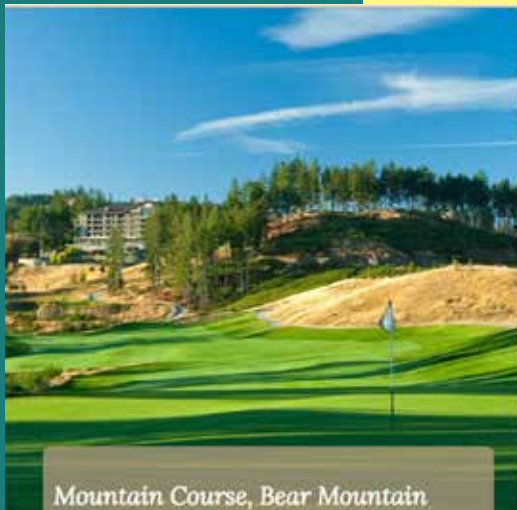
Three woofs of thanks  
and a tail wag,



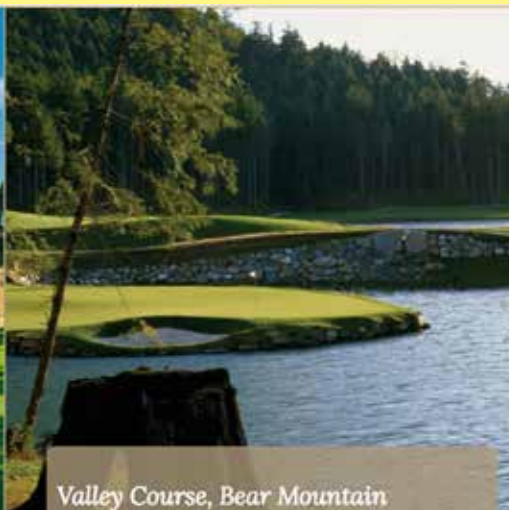
*Daze*

*Comfort &  
Companionship Specialist  
Child Abuse Intervention*

*Department  
Mary Bridge Children's  
Hospital*



Mountain Course, Bear Mountain



Valley Course, Bear Mountain

## LET'S GOLF VICTORIA!

by Gerry Kelly  
Chair: IGFR 2017  
Victoria, Canada

The 54th International Golfing Rotary Fellowship (IGFR) will be held in Victoria, BC Canada, August 6-12, 2017. Why do over 200 cruise ships visit Victoria each year? Imagine! One tour option... you disembark here from your Alaska cruise, only a few minutes to the Hotel Grand Pacific where the IGFR Opening Ceremony will be held.

An evening highlighted by our renowned Victoria Symphony performing in our picturesque harbour.

Your registration, tournament, pre- and post-tour information are here at [www.igfr2017.ca](http://www.igfr2017.ca)

Please register before booking pre- and post-tours as there will be limited numbers.

## GIG HARBOR FUN RUN:

### GALLOPING GERTIE



The Rotary Club of Gig Harbor North will be holding their largest annual fundraiser - Galloping Gertie Half Marathon on August 13, 2016 in Gig Harbor, WA. In addition to the Half Marathon, there will be a 10K, 5K, and Kids Run.

10K runners will have the opportunity to run across the Tacoma Narrows Bridge and back. Gig Harbor welcomes volunteers and runners from across the District. Visit the Galloping Gertie website to register or volunteer: <http://galloping-gertie.com>



photo courtesy of Gary McLelan

## CAMPBELL RIVER PULLS SCOTCH BROOM

Rotary Club of Campbell River were joined by members of the Campbell River Daybreak Rotary Club and family and friends to tackle a large area of Scotch Broom at the south end of the city.

## GO KARTS FOR KIDS

The Rotary Club of Gig Harbor North is working on a District grant to provide educational, medical-grade game kiosks to bed ridden children at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma, WA.

The Club hopes to place two kiosks at the hospital. The Child Life Specialists at Mary Bridge say this will be a wonderful addition to their department.

Each GO Kart is equipped with a gaming monitor, console, and a variety of games. The carts provide a safe and fun way for children to access entertainment, supporting their coping behaviors during long-term hospitalization.

Find out how your club can participate, contact Louis or Kathi Melendez at: [gigharborkathi@gmail.com](mailto:gigharborkathi@gmail.com)

website: [gamersoutreach.org](http://gamersoutreach.org)

# GIG HARBOR NORTH

Gig Harbor North Rotarians and four Gig Harbor Interact students traveled to Guatemala in the mountains above Lake Atitlan during Spring break to work on a "refugio" for the Opal House.



Mayan families in this area of Guatemala tend to have very traditional roles, with the mother responsible for the children, cooking, cleaning, and weaving their clothing. When situations occur where the father is no longer in the picture, the family has no source of income and may have difficulty supporting their family. The aim is to keep them from living in the streets while they find a way to earn a living.



**"WHATEVER ROTARY MAY  
MEAN TO US, TO THE WORLD  
IT WILL BE KNOWN BY THE  
RESULTS IT ACHIEVES."**

—PAUL P. HARRIS





## ROTARY CLUB OF OAK BAY



L to R: Maestra Dr. Tania Miller, Radio Host  
Dr. Bob McDonald, Oak Bay Councillor Hazel  
Braithwaite.

*photo courtesy of Dr. P. Bamji*

For the past two years the Rotary Club of Oak Bay has organized a Community Recognition Dinner in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. During the Black Tie gala, three outstanding citizens are recognized for their contributions and impact.

This year the club members nominated seven citizens from which three outstanding citizens were selected for Paul Harris Fellow awards. They were: Bob McDonald - Host of CBC Radio's Quirks and Quarks, Author and Broadcaster; Tania Miller - Music Director of Victoria Symphony; Hazel Braithwaite - Oak Bay Councillor and an extraordinary volunteer.

Each nominee contributed in significant ways to the betterment of humanity and enrichment of community.

Over 120 people attended and more than 75% of the attendees were non-Rotarians who learned about Rotary in action. The event was held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the luxurious Oak Bay Beach Hotel.

## ROTARY CLUB OF SILVERDALE DOES VIDEOS

Silverdale Rotarian, Rick Soper, has created three award-winning "I Am Rotary" videos, links posted below. Take a look at how impactful one brief moment can be. Rick's a pro, and he sure makes it look easy!

- [I Am Rotary 1](#)
- [I-Am-Rotary-2](#)
- [I Am Rotary 3](#)

# IS IT FUN?

Chris Kimball, Lakewood incoming Club President, says BORING Rotary Club meetings **MUST BE ABOLISHED!** FUN without resorting to the illegal, that's what we're after, claims Chris. And, btw, don't just show up at the Lakewood Rotary meetings, call first. Uh Huh.

To the tune of Spike Jones, fun is watching Chris Kimball describe how you can do good and have fun doing it. He says, "we take fun seriously here at the Lakewood Rotary Club, it's our 5th truth!"

Check it out on youtube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipUAA--8BYQ>



**"THE BEST WAY TO  
PREDICT THE FUTURE IS  
TO CREATE IT."**

*~Abraham Lincoln*



*Daniel Valdiri, left from Columbia and Saeko Yabe, from Japan are Rotary Youth Exchange students that recently went to their prom.*

## ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE: PROM

*by Don Dempson  
Rotary Club of Nanaimo North*

The Rotary Youth Exchange program does more than bring young adults together from around the world - it also helps build bonds of friendship that will last a lifetime.

Daniel Valdiri from Columbia and Saeko Yabe from Japan have been attending Dover Bay Secondary School in Nanaimo, BC for the last year. When they saw the end of their year exchange coming to a close, they decided to attend their school prom - together.

This duo has become close friends over the last year and whether it's attending local Rotary functions or volunteering at any of the scores of events in and around Nanaimo - they are tireless workers. They bring enthusiasm, passion and fun to the table and can always be counted on to step up and be part of Rotary family activities.

The two students appreciate the opportunity to be in Canada and have not only bonded with other exchange students - they've made scores of friends at school and throughout the community.



## SOME THOUGHTS ON SEOUL 2016

### 1.3 MILLION ROTARY VOLUNTEERS IN 182 COUNTRIES

by Susie Burdick  
Incoming President 2016-17  
Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island

below: Susie Burdick in Seoul 2016  
photo credit: Sarah Bryant

Life changing.  
That's what the  
Rotary International  
Convention in Seoul,  
Korea, was for me.  
I've been a Rotarian  
for several years  
but this was my  
first international  
convention and I was  
forever changed by  
the experience.

I've always loved  
Rotary and what we  
stand for and do. I've  
always enjoyed the  
camaraderie with my fellow  
Club members as we work  
together for our communities  
and beyond. But something  
about standing with more than  
40,000 Rotarians from all over  
the world had a significant  
impact on me. Although I  
knew the statistics, my eyes  
were newly opened to this  
amazing organization and the  
power of 1.3 million Rotary



volunteers in 182 countries.  
This diverse association of  
people from all cultures and all  
religions joyfully collaborate to  
eradicate polio, provide clean  
water, support microfinance  
initiatives, educate children,  
end modern slavery, and so  
much more.

The convention made me  
proud to be a Rotarian and  
gave me hope for the world.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Rotary International provides  
well-defined brand guidelines  
for club logo design and  
outreach materials. Voice,  
placement, font selection and  
color specifications are all  
clearly detailed in the "My  
Rotary Brand Center" on the  
[Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org) under My Rotary ->  
Manage -> Brand Center.

In the Brand Center we are  
even provided with a tool to  
build a brand compliant club  
logo and download it in many  
different file formats.

"Identity At a Glance" is  
Rotary's quick brand overview.  
[Download it here.](#)



With the chaos and vitriol that  
surrounds us, Rotary provides  
clear direction, support, and the  
opportunities to make our world  
better. I gained the understanding  
that all of this good work starts  
with one individual Rotarian,  
a single idea, and a boatload of  
passion. I returned to Washington  
State ready to inspire Club  
members to continue our good  
work—and for every Rotarian to  
“Be the One.”



JOIN FOR OUR  
COMMUNITY.  
STAY FOR THE  
**WORLD.**

[photo credit: Darel Roa]