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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5020

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE: JOANNE CROGHAN

November is my favorite month because it is Foundation month in the Rotary calendar.

Our Rotary Foundation began in 1917 for the purpose of doing good in the world. It started with an initial contribution of \$26.50, and now, as we approach 2017, we look forward to celebrating Rotary Roundation centennial. A century of generosity by Rotarians and friends has grown this fund into one with an annual budget in excess of 250 million dollars.

And this resource is ours to access — yours and mine. Has your club applied for a Global Grant recently? Grants are available to alleviate poverty, improve health, expand educational opportunities and promote peace in every corner of the world.

Past Rotary International (RI) President, Glenn Estess said: "Our first hundred years will stand as an inspiring record of men and women of all races, religions, nationalities and political creeds who have made significant contributions to creating a more peaceful world."

During this 100th anniversary of our Rotary Foundation, a number of clubs and areas in

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Photo: District 5020 Governor Joanne Croghan in the Lira area of northern Uganda. Joanne is holding a Rotary mark of excellence that she embedded in the concrete of a new borehole, forever marking Rotary's contribution. Standing beside her is Carolyn Okao who is state minister for microfinance in the cabinet of Uganda and who is a member of parliament for Amolator District Women's Representative.

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our District are planning special celebratory events.

At the Oak Bay Beach Hotel on March 18, there will be a very special celebratory dinner featuring keynote speaker, Rotary International Vice President, Jennifer Jones. Event Chair, Past District Governor (PDG) Joan Firkins promises a very classy affair where we can celebrate in our finery!

On March 22, there will be another centennial celebration in Kitsap County featuring Rotary International Director, Dean Rohrs as the keynote speaker. Details for this occasion will follow. It is being chaired by the amazing team of Assistant Governors: Elayne Burton, Area 9 and Sue Shipley, Area 10.

On March 30, 2017, Areas 13 & 14 have a Rotary Foundation Dinner planned. It will be the 17th annual event featuring District 5020 projects with The Rotary Foundation. In honor of the first contribution to our Rotary Foundation, they plan to charge \$26.50 for dinner which

will be held at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia.

The Rotary Club of Lakewood's contributions over the years now total one million dollars. The club is planning a memorable celebration to celebrate this milestone. As the planning unfolds, I will keep you posted on the details. Organized by Michael McGowan, a member of the Rotary Club of Lakewood, the celebration is likely to take place in May.

I have heard murmurs of several other celebratory events throughout our vibrant district. As plans for these events develop, I would love to learn the details to share with others. It will be great to report that all of our events had capacity crowds.

A very generous contribution to our Rotary Foundation is an excellent way for Rotarians to Serve Humanity!

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District 5020 Facebook: www.facebook.com/Rotary.5020/



District 5020 Governor Joanne Croghan traveled to Port Townsend for a group meeting of the [Rotary Club of Port Townsend](#), the [Rotary Club of Port Townsend Sunrise](#) and the [Rotary Club of East Jefferson County](#).

The meeting was held in the Fort Worden Commons located at Fort Worden State Park, a 434-acre multi-use park overlooking the Puget Sound.

To the right of Joanne is Ana Reinaldo Constantino from Brazil - Ana is the inbound student for Rotary Club of Port Townsend. On Joanne's left is Roxane Coldefy from France - she is the inbound for Rotary Club of Port Townsend Sunrise.

VET VISITS KOREA 63 YEARS LATER

by Ron Carter, Rotary Club of Kingston North Kitsap,
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When Second Lieutenant Bill Maule arrived in Korea December 31, 1953, he had no idea he would have a “bucket list” during his lifetime. There he served in the 31st Infantry Division as a Delta Company recoilless rifle platoon leader. He was a young second lieutenant commanding veterans stationed at Camp Casey, just north of Seoul on the main corridor from North Korea to Seoul. The famous Pork Chop Hill was within sight.

By the time Lieutenant Maule arrived, the Korean cease-fire had been in effect six months, so he saw no fighting. However, continuous training exercises kept the platoon battle ready. Many veterans in the platoon complained they preferred the war to the exercises because the exercises were tougher. After nine months, Maule returned to the states. But his taste for overseas adventure developed while he was in Korea, and this led him to a career in the foreign service.

Fast forward 63-years. And the bucket list. Bill Maule today is a proud Rotarian, a member of Kingston North Kitsap Rotary Club, and its Rotary Foundation Chair. When he learned that Rotary International’s 2016 convention would be in Seoul, there was no hesitation. It was his chance to cross off a bucket list item and return. The convention was a highlight. 47,000 Rotarians were there, presenting 90 flags from countries around the world. There was a special Rotary program for returning veterans.

Six days before the convention, Maule drove to Camp Casey. In 1953 it was a wide undeveloped area. Now he found it surrounded by a city. In 1953 the road toward the DMZ and the railroad tracks in that direction were open fields. Today the highway is lined with businesses. In 1953 he spent time on a hill overlooking a river north of

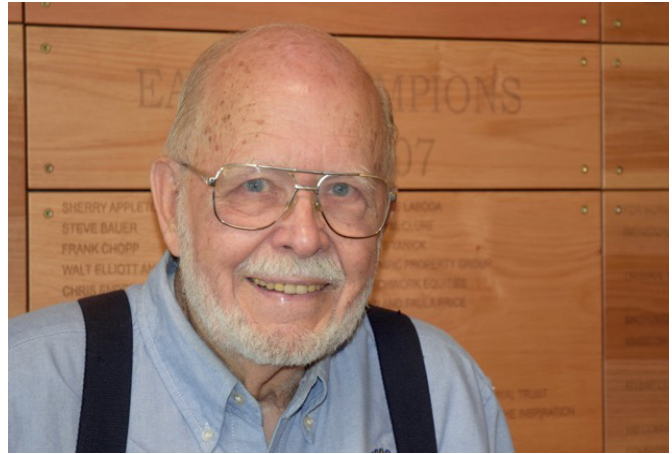


Photo: (upper) Bill Maule, Rotary Foundation Committee Chair for Rotary Club of Kingston North Kitsap; (lower) Bill Maule as a Second Lieutenant in Korea, December 31, 1953.

Seoul. That hill was on his the bucket list, and he found it had matured into a flourishing forest, and the river was full of recreation. He was amazed by the progress in Seoul.

“THEN, THERE WERE PILES OF WAR RUBBLE EVERYWHERE - THE STREETS HAD BEEN CLEARED - STILL THERE WAS RUBBLE. YOU HAD TO WATCH FOR PICKPOCKETS.”

Today Seoul is very modern. Subways and commuter trains exist, yet the traffic problems there are unnerving. Maule’s takeaway from the trip was how friendly and helpful the people are. He says, “you can go back,” and that he is proud to have done so as a Rotarian of twelve years.



AWESOME ATLANTA: JUNE 10-14, 2017

By Craig Gillis, District 5020 Governor Nominee

As we celebrate “Rotary Serving Humanity” through the leadership of RI President, John Germ, we have a unique opportunity to come together with Rotarians throughout the world in Atlanta, Georgia, June 10 to 14, 2017. I

It is a significant year in Rotary --- the year long celebration of the 100th birthday of the Rotary Foundation will lead many to the Atlanta convention---the city where it all began.

This year due to the close proximity of the Rotary International Conference, we hope to see a large District 5020 delegation. Please think about attending what will undoubtedly be a memorable Rotary experience in a city that is relatively close to home, a city that provides such a rich variety of activities, a city that offers a riveting history.

Celebrate the centenary of the Foundation, take in the inaugural Rotary film festival, explore historical Atlanta sites, and meet Rotarians from throughout the world.

As District Governor, Joanne Croghan, visits clubs and shares her vision for an amazing

year in District 5020, feel free to ask for more information. We hope to see many familiar faces in Atlanta as we share our passion for Rotary and share our stories of Rotary’s imprint on our local and global communities.

For further information visit:

<http://www.riconvention.org/>

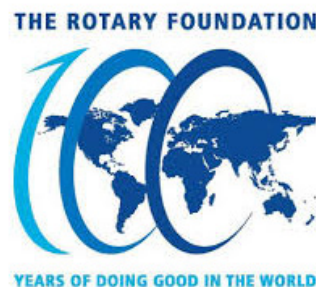
Find the link under ‘Events’ tab: International Convention on our District 5020 Club Runner website.

You can also learn more about the event on of the District 5020 Facebook pages:

www.facebook.com/Rotary.5020/

www.facebook.com/Rotary5020Atlanta2017

<https://www.facebook.com/Rotary2017/>



TACOMA 8 CELEBRATES LONG-TIME MEMBERS

by James Henderson, Club Secretary, Rotary Club of Tacoma 8;
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Tacoma 8, the eighth Rotary Club in the world, is now 106 years old.



Photos by Dane Meyer.

TACOMA 8

honored its longest tenured members with a special recognition at its October 6, 2016, meeting. District Governor Joanne Croghan presented each of these long-serving Rotarians with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

In the photo, the back row shows District Governor Joanne, Past President Buck Thompson (62 years in the club), Past President Larry Ghilarducci (54 years in the club), Past President Bill Baxter (60 years in the club), George Williams (65 years in the club), John West (50 years in the club), Club President Becky Fontaine. In the front row John Dimmer (55 years in the club), and Past President and Past District Governor Bob Mallon (51 years in the club).

The Club hosts

THREE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

for this Rotary year.

Left to Right, Luiz Rico from Columbia, Joanne Croghan, District 5020 Governor, Ailsa Bitha from Indonesia and Louis Blindenbacher from Switzerland.

Visit www.Rotary8.org

GOING FOR A GLOBAL GRANT? **ASK YOURSELF, SHOULD WE DO IT?**

by Robert Wubbena, Past Club President (2013-14), Rotary Club of Olympia

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Photo: Robert Wubbena,
Rotary Club of Olympia



You might ask yourself -- should our Rotary Club apply for a Rotary Foundation Global Grant -- and what do we need to do to be successful. Should we do it? The answer is YES as long as you understand this is a 3-year to 5-year assignment and that you will need partners involved in the program.

Fifteen years ago when I joined the Rotary Club of Olympia, my club wanted to do a Water Project in Malawi. They asked me to lead the endeavor since I am a Water Engineer, a former State Grants Administrator, and at the time, a new member.

My first response was that the "needs assessment" and strategy for helping the Malawi community seemed pretty straight forward. After all, I had designed and managed the construction of many water systems in North America. I knew how to budget, contract and supervise contractors to complete major programs.

Guess Again! There is more to administering fruitful Global Grant ventures than applying for the funds.

Planning a third world water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) project, including writing the "Needs Assessment" documentation and managing the contractors has different rules in developing countries.

When an undertaking is 10,000 miles away in a rural part of a nation that has few if any building codes or contract laws, project management requires far more attention to detail than it does in North America.

Operating a Global Grant is truly a project management assignment. The Rotary Foundation (TRF) procedures are designed to help you, your Club, and the District complete the project successfully. But it takes attention on specifics.

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**"IF WE HAVE NO PEACE,
IT IS BECAUSE WE HAVE
FORGOTTEN THAT WE BELONG
TO EACH OTHER."**

— MOTHER TERESA

GLOBAL GRANTS

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The crucial first steps are to identify the community you want to serve, the village leadership, the host club, and the on-the-ground professionals. The professionals are often expats, NGOs or town dignitaries with world experience. These people will become your eyes and ears at the project site.

A club and community led needs assessment along with a sustainable plan to pay for and operate the completed system are essential predecessors to a successful outcome. Without these factors in place, don't start the project, or it will join the ranks of the 50% that fail in the first three years.

Our Rotary club and the twelve clubs in Thurston and Lewis Counties, WA have formed a water committee that meets monthly to help each other work through the steps involved in managing successful WASH projects.

We draw funds from our joint "Annual Cool Jazz/Clean Water" fundraiser to help finance our WASH ventures, matching District and TRF funding.

During the last 15 years, with help from our partners, we have funded projects in Malawi (\$800,000); Kenya (\$250,000), PNG - Papua New Guinea (\$600,000): and Honduras (\$200,000).

Now we are also helping Transform International create Community Transformation Centers (training centers) in ten countries.



We are utilizing the District and TRF Global Grant matching fund program, and we are collaborating with many other NGOs and Foundations to make a difference with our Rotary contributions and project leadership.

Inspired by the Polio Plus successes, Rotarians are leading the way in collaborating with other organizations to address the WASH needs of developing countries. District 5020 is actively participating by developing associations and teams across borders to help create solutions for many.

**ROTARY CLUBS
ARE WORKING
IN A SERIES OF
SMALL VILLAGES
THAT ARE
DOTTED ALONG
THE COASTLINE
IN THE NIGER
DELTA, NIGERIA,
PROVIDING BIO-
SAND FILTERS
AND HYGIENE
EDUCATION.**

For generations, women and children in the community collected water from shallow dug wells that are open to contamination.

2.5 BILLION WITHOUT BASIC SANITATION

HOW OUR TRF DONATIONS HELP SO MANY

by Nancy Gilbert, Rotary Club of West Shore (Victoria)

West Shore (Victoria) Rotary Website: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/westshorevictoria/>

West Shore (Victoria) Rotary Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WestShoreRotary/>

Many Rotarians understand the link between becoming a Paul Harris Fellow and our support of Rotary International. It is part of our commitment to the 'Four-Way Test' and 'Service Above Self'.

We hear about "Our Business is Humanitarian". But do our personal financial gifts to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) really make much of a difference?

Donations to TRF, particularly regular contributions, make the Rotary model work by combining with the gifts from many of the other 1.2 Rotarian in the World.

Think of it this way: if each Rotarian gave \$100 per year to TRF the result would be \$120 million per year to invest back into the projects supported by your Club and District. By investing this money wisely and being careful about overhead costs, our foundation – The Rotary Foundation is also able to provide support and guidance to Rotarians worldwide.

Then TRF, districts and clubs can start to leverage those contributions into matching funds and support for the many humanitarian programs of Rotary clubs around the world.

STARTING WITH WATER

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programs, are often a first step in addressing community needs. Research has shown that improving access to safe water, improved sanitation, and hygiene education, is the best place to start in community

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development. Once WASH issues have been addressed, investments in other important areas included in TRF's 6 areas of focus, such as education, or access to power, will have a greater impact than if they were addressed before tackling WASH.

Clubs are moving to regional/village wide programs that include WASH in Schools (WinS), health clinics



in the community, and strong support for education, economic development and other community and poverty response programs. Many clubs are now joining together to extend their community support projects over 3 to five years or more, and create sustainable long term partnerships with the Host Rotary Clubs and the village leaders.

This would be much more difficult to achieve if TRF grant support and district matching funds to local Club funds were not there to help.

When bio-sand filters (an easy to maintain filter that can last decades) were introduced, one of the implementers told the story of

“...A MOTHER SHOUTING THAT WE HAVE TURNED HER WATER INTO PURE WATER.”

Diarrhea, a life threatening occurrence particularly for children, would become a thing of the past. Energy lost to illness, and precious funds for medicines could now be directed to other important needs for the family.

ROTARY CLUBS OF CAMPBELL RIVER

PUMPKIN AUCTION AIMS TO END POLIO NOW

from Pieter Koeleman, Past Club President (1993-94),
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Campbell River Noon Facebook: [Rotary-Club-Campbell-River-169585539795207/](https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-Campbell-River-169585539795207/)

Each October, Rotary Clubs of Campbell River organize several Pumpkins for Polio auctions, raising funds with double matching grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Government of Canada.

The festivities kick-off with the Noon Club distributing pumpkins to its members who take them home and get creative. They carve, paint, and decorate with abandon, bringing back remarkably diverse and exciting masterpieces. This year the decorated pumpkins brought in over \$1860 in competitive bidding at the Club auction.

To rev up the participants for the auctioneering, Pieter Koeleman accompanied by Tony Fantillo on accordion performed the **PUMPKINS FOR POLIO** theme song. Todd Peachey enlivened the audience with humor and entertainment, encouraging Rotarians to dig deep; laughter and mutual praise resulted in spirited bidding.

Several Campbell River Clubs organized the next pumpkin auction which occurred two days later. Local grocers donated and distributed the pumpkins to artists of the Campbell River Arts Council and carvers of First Nations.

Extraordinary pieces of art resulted, and \$4020 was raised through auction to eradicate polio from the face of the earth. With the second matching grants, the total for both auctions came to over \$29,000!



NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 27, 2016 for the December 2016 issue
EMAIL SUBMISSIONS AND/OR NEWSLETTER QUESTIONS TO: ann.warman@brandUNITY.com

The December Rotary theme is Disease Prevention & Treatment. Tell a story and include photos, names of people in photos, and photographer credits when possible. Word limit: 300-350 words per article.