



Service & Fellowship Through Rotary

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Message from the Governor



DG Bob Lovely

Reflections

Well, I knew this was coming but not so fast! This is the last newsletter of our year and the last opportunity I have as Governor to share thoughts with you. We have all been fostering *Service and Friendship Through Rotary by Creating Awareness and Taking Action*. As I have traveled throughout the district, I have been amazed at the vitality of our clubs and the commitment of the individual members. It is truly humbling.

We can be pleased with the accomplishments made at the club and district levels. More clubs than ever before earned Presidential Citations—the mark of well rounded programs at the club level. District-wide, membership is up, giving to the Rotary Foundation was strong, the number of Foundation Benefactors has more than tripled, GSE and Youth Exchange programs are strong. Your district became one of the first to be a “Pioneer” district by funding a two year scholarship for the innovative and impressive World Peace and Conflict Resolution program of the Rotary Foundation. A significant number of Rotary Foundation matching grants were approved and projects completed that improved the lives of many in places much less fortunate than we.

There were some sad things to happen as well, and in particular we will all miss the friendship and leadership of DGE Fred Bossom who passed away in January.

I am pleased to report that the district is in good hands with strong leadership. The quality of program content and participation at the District Leadership Training Assembly has been increasing for the last several years and when combined with Area mini-assemblies is helping to build even stronger club leadership. The Assistant Governor program has been a significant factor in improving the communication between clubs in their local Areas and within the district. The district is in good shape financially and at the Conference a few weeks ago you approved implementation of a new district policy that will make for more efficient operations and make it easier for the club and district leaders to understand how the district operates.

Thanks

There are too many people that have contributed to be able to mention all the names that went into making the year such a good one for our district, but I want to say thank you to each and every one of you. Especially if you: Prepared the best District Directory and Resource Guide I've seen (*Jim & Enid Harris*), Prepared the District Governor's Newsletter with amazing quality and which has received praise from many including incoming president Rick King

“I Am Proud To Be A Rotarian”

by JOHN ARMENIA, Editor

At the end of life we shall not be asked how much pleasure we had in it, or how happy we were, not how ambition was gratified, but how, in love, we served.

—US Supreme Court Justice HUGO BLACK

To be a Rotarian is to help our neighbors close to home and far away! *Rotary is Without Limits* was the theme that Governor Ken Bose (1995-96) taught, modeled and inspired during our district's 1995-96 Action Year. Governor Bob Lovely mentored and promoted his 21st Century theme, *Service & Fellowship Through Rotary*. Incoming Rotary International President Rick King advocates that “Rotary changes the course of human life.” He says, “It is worthy of our time, effort, energy, means, and commitment; and it brings people together.” Rotary International President Frank Devlyn urged us all year to *Meet the 21st Century Challenge* by becoming proactive and creative in promoting Rotary membership with fresh vision and energy. He said, “I am proud that we are introducing Rotary to a new generation of leaders through the 21st Century Challenge. In an effort to *Create Awareness and Take Action*, you have opened the door to Rotary's exciting world of service.”

To be a Rotarian means fellowship and friendship while serving others. In Rotary we come as strangers and leave as friends. To be a Rotarian means dedicating some of your life to Rotary. To be a Rotarian means linking vision with action and asking such questions as: “What if?” “How can this happen?” and “Where can I serve?” To be a Rotarian is an honor and a mission. Because Rotarians are humanitarians...Mankind is our business! To be a Rotarian is to be a pioneer, a pace setter, and a champion for those who need us most. No one is useless who fulfills Rotary's *E Pluribus Unum...Service Above Self*.

To be a Rotarian is to know and fulfill the object of Rotary...to encourage and foster the ideal of service, to develop new friends, to promote high ethical standards, personal service and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

As editor of this newsletter (1995-96, 2000-01, and 2001-02), I find that the *Object of Rotary* is being met with extraordinary effort and imagination throughout our district and world. It is my privilege to be able to help share stories about the uncommon deeds of those who are healing the past, developing the present, visioning and preparing for the future through

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(John Armenia), Run a strong GSE program(Dick Zamjahn), Run one of the largest and best Youth Exchange programs in the world (Bill & Marny Hannan), Improved the district Web Site (Dave Brink and Becky Wiles), Put on a successful District Conference (Chuck Boyd), Overseen inter-district and intra-district Friendship Exchanges (Fred Collins), helped in forming one of our two new Rotary Clubs (Ron Templeton, Dale Dorward, the Silverdale, E. Bremerton and Port Hardy clubs), Worked on the District Council (all 26 of you), Helped improve clubs awareness and ability to provide increased Public Relations (Hank Mann-Sykes), Were a District Officer, an Assistant Governor or a Club President, Found our new leaders by serving on the Nominations Committee, Aided clubs in locating and applying for World Community Service projects (Jack MacAulay), Promoted The Rotary Foundation (Pieter Koeleman), Contributed to the Rotary Foundation, Became a Sustaining member of the Annual Fund, Became a Benefactor, Brought in a New Member or Are my wife (Mardel). OK so I couldn't resist putting in some names. I wish I had room for all 5000 names.

New Club

I'm pleased to announce that our newest Rotary club—*The Rotary Club of Port McNeill* will be having its charter night on Saturday, June 16, 2001. The new club is starting with 22 members and its regular meetings will be at 12:05 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you would like more information about the location of the charter event or would like to send a gift to the new club, contact Lana Eagle of the sponsoring Port Hardy club (leagle@island.net) or 250-949-8384.

Future

Many of us will be retiring from our current Rotary leadership positions on June 30, 2001. I prefer to think of what we have been doing as training for the next opportunity to make friends, to be of service in our local community and to help others around the world. Your club still needs you. If, after that you still have enough energy, consider volunteering to work at the District level as well. Contact me or Don Lachata and we would be pleased to assist you in furthering the outreach of Rotary from the district level.

From my vantage point, it has been a good Rotary year. I hope you feel the same. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service.

District Governor BOB LOVELY - 1 2 3.



The changing of the guard: DON LACHATA presents BOB LOVELY with his PDG pin.

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Rotary. The photos and stories we publish describe men and women and children receiving and giving friendship, love, and life's necessities, such as: water, housing, health care, education, a protected or rebuilt environment, self-improvement and deep satisfaction. Rotarians are as Tennyson wrote in *Ulysses*, "...One equal temper of heroic hearts, made weak by time and fate, but strong in will to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield."

The ancient Greek thinkers and leaders, Plato, Aristotle, Seneca, and Plutarch believed that life is precious. They believed that we should spend our lives learning how to live. They visualized an organization like Rotary where life is a matter of making actual of what is only potential. Margaret Mead observed, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." English poet John Donne suggested, "No man is an island, entire of itself, every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main." Rabindranath Tagore, Indian Poet and Nobel Literature prize winner in 1913 wrote, "I was sleeping and dreamt that life was pure joy; I awakened to see that life was mere service; then I served and saw that serving was joy."

To be a Rotarian is to be a member of an organization of business and professional leaders united world wide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. I am proud to be a Rotarian.

A letter from retiring Director Sam Greene

SAM GREENE
Director, 1999-2001

Being a Director of Rotary International has been a fantastic experience. I learned that it isn't the President of Rotary International, or the Board of Directors or District Governors that make Rotary great; it's the individual Rotarian and the Rotary clubs around the world.

I have had the opportunity in the last two years to visit hundreds of Rotary clubs and Districts. All of them do good work—some more than others, but they all do service. It's just overwhelming to think what the almost 30,000 Rotary clubs do in serving humanity.

When I was Director-Nominee I came up to the Northwest and met with several PDG's in a drive to bring our two Zones (Zones 23 & 24) to a closer relationship. I brought my Zone Institute to Portland, Oregon which I think was a great success. I think there is a definite measure of success in this goal. We have a new Director (PDG Floyd Olson) who will take over on July 1, 2001 and he is from the Northwest.

Now, I am hoping for the members, clubs, and districts in Zones 23 and 24 will continue to work together in the quest for building even stronger zone work and relationships. One way that would help would be that during the International Convention we have a TRUE FAR WEST BREAKFAST.

During our International conventions we have some eleven or twelve breakfast reunions—as an example this year on Monday there are five breakfast venues. This makes it very difficult for the President and President-elect to attend and greet all the venues. So, let's look forward in Barcelona and have a Zone 23 & 24 Far West Breakfast—lets break bread together.

I am so pleased that Floyd Olson will take over as Director on July 1, 2001 and I wish him good health and success in his two year term.

My sincere thanks to all the clubs in District 5020 and particularly Governor Bob Lovely for an outstanding and successful Rotary Year.

Rotary District 5020's Intra-District Friendship Exchange is a Success

Nineteen Rotarians and spouses made up a team from the Washington State portion of District 5020 and travelled to Vancouver Island on the weekend of May 4-6. The US team members were from all across Western Washington (Longview in the south to Port Angeles in the north).

They drove from their homes to the Black Ball ferry dock at Port Angeles, where they boarded the MV "Coho" for a pleasant hour and a half voyage to Victoria, British Columbia. En route, they were serenaded by a school choir, which was also headed to Vancouver Island.

The team was met at Victoria by Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Duncan and the Qualicum Beach Rotary Clubs. They attended the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Duncan at the Duncan Native Heritage Centre. A warm welcome to the team was extended by President Bob Fenske, as well as by several of the Rotarians who are local City and Municipal council members.

Highlights of the visit included a history of the District's involvement with the program (starting in 1988 with an exchange trip to Georgia) by Horst Nowrath, a past RFE Chair for District 5020; and the graceful hosting of the event by the current Chair of the District's RFE Committee, Fred Collins. A raffle was conducted at the meeting and two of the prizes were won by visiting Rotarians: Tony Mitchell of the Rotary Club of Port Townsend Sunrise and Bob Hammar of Tacoma #8 took home bottles of Canadian Club Rye Whisky, in keeping with the patriotic nature of the Duncan Club...

The visiting team visited the Native Heritage Centre Theatre exhibit depicting the history of the local First Nations people; the barbecue at Rotarian Lorne Pal's home; Qualicum Beach's annual "Fire & Ice" event, where ice sculptors perform their art in the streets of the town, and culinary contestants compete to produce the best tasting chilli con carne—some 30 booths each gave away up to 30 gallons of the hot stuff to an appreciative crowd. Other highlights included visiting the many Rotary Projects around the area, including the display of the Rotary Wheel at the new Civic Centre & Swimming Pool, the Airport, and at the Friendship Park.

This is a "First" for District 5020 and one which, it is hoped, will become a regular part of the Friendship Exchange program. Already, plans are being made by the Washington State Rotarians to host a team from Vancouver Island at the end of September or early October. □

Judy Butler (Longview) says that the Lacey/Longview clubs are hard at work planning the US portion of the September-October visit of the Canadian Team. She says, "I think the Friendship Exchange is a fabulous program! We have wonderful memories!" Dyrk Lansdon wrote, "We look forward to the Canadian return visit in September and future exchanges. The aim should be to get at least one couple from every club involved in the exchange."

—Contributing Authors: JUDY BUTLER, DYRK LANDSON & FRED COLLINS

Bob Hammar and Rotary friend cook up some fiery chili at the Qualicum Beach "Fire and Ice" street fair.



Western Washington's nineteen ambassadors of friendship on the way to B.C.



Jo Brewer and Sylvia Hartman enjoy the Native Heritage Centre in Duncan.



Latvian Hospital Project is the sequel to a very personal journey

'Displaced persons' from 1944-1950, Mike and Janina Jansevics thank Rotary friends for helping their first countrymen in Auce

by JANINA and MIERVALDIS (MIKE) JANSEVICs
Shelton-Skookum Rotary, Auce Hospital Project

Today when most of you Rotarians have come to know Latvia through the Auce Hospital Project, Mike and I, both native born Latvians, want to tell you how and why we immigrated to the United States and why we are so grateful to every one of you for helping Latvia wake up from the 50 year nightmare of Soviet Communist occupation.

Latvia's first encounter with Russian Communists took place in June of 1940, when without a warning armed Russian troops invaded our independent country. At that time there was no resistance from us – we 2.5 million Latvians could not defend ourselves against the giant Russia.

This occupation lasted for one year, until June of 1941. This year is known as the "Year of Terror." Approximately 15,000 Latvians were deported to Siberian labor camps. They were state and local officials, teachers, doctors, farmers, children and old people. In the middle of the night, there would be banging on the doors and the armed military men would load people in trucks, take them to railroad stations, put them into overcrowded cattle cars and ship them off to Siberia. There they would become part of slave labor who would build the Russian Empire.

At this time I was not quite four years old. These are the first memories of my life. When we heard that our family was on the list to be deported, since children were often separated from the parents, my mom was packing small bundles for each child to take along. I remember my mother was crying as she was getting our things together. How scared I was and how hopeless it all seemed! (I am scared of everything even today. Maybe that's where it all started.)

My next major memory is that of our family and a couple other families gathered in a neighbor's cellar as the German front was approaching and the Russians were retreating. We heard artillery and rifle shots for a few hours, then someone told us that our church was burning. We could see heavy smoke rising in the distance. The church to our people is a symbol of how we conduct our lives, who we are, what we stand for and what our moral commitment is. But it was going up in smoke.

When the artillery quieted down and people said that Germans were there, my

grandmother took us children to a relative's home, which was further away from the highway and the front lines. My parents stayed behind because they wanted to run to our farm.

After walking with Grandmother for a while, we had to pass a lot of dead soldiers on the highway. There was one car with bodies still moving in it. What a spooky, scary feeling!

And then – all the fear was lifted like a heavy dark fog. Russians are gone and the Germans have liberated us. People start resuming their lives. Young German soldiers came to our farm. They usually asked for eggs or butter and we gave it to them. We didn't understand any German at first but through sign language we knew what they want. These were young men far away from their homes and to us they seemed very civilized.

The Germans occupied Latvia from July of 1941 until May of 1945. They made Latvian Jews wear the Star of David so as to be recognized who they were. I was walking with my sister one day and saw a girl who wore an unusual armband. I asked my sister what that was. She said the girl had to wear it because she was a Jew. Today, of course, we know what happened to Jews, gypsies, mentally ill and retarded, crippled and a lot of other minorities during Nazi occupation.

In the year 1944, we knew that the Russians were coming back again. At first we were pretty much in denial but started talking about what to do. We were so scared, we refused to live through another Russian terror again.

My parents talked with neighbors. Many decided to leave but when the actual time came they could not leave their homes and everything they have worked for. My grandmother who lived with us said she would stay. She was too old to go.

Our horse drawn wagon was packed mainly with food and some clothes when the hour of departure came. I was glad because I was so scared of the Russians. We said goodbye to grandmother and told her we will be back in a few weeks because, surely, the Russians would retreat. I had wrapped up my favorite doll to take with me, but when Grandmother asked if I could leave it with her, I did. I was not quite eight years old. We left Grandmother crying on the porch.



MIERVALDIS (MIKE) and JANINA JANSEVICs

The adults were mostly walking. I got to sit on top of our belongings on top of our wagon because I had to hold a seven-week old baby. Her parents are teachers and had no horses. They also had two very young boys that they carried. This young family was killed in Dresden, Germany during an air raid about eight months later.

My family came from eastern Latvia not far from the Russian border. We left home in July and crossed all of Latvia to the port city of Liepaja by end of October. We managed only about 20 km per day and several times spent few weeks at a time in one place. Usually, farmers let us sleep in their barns on hay. They wondered if soon they also would become refugees like us.

My mother crossed all of Latvia on foot. Every night she cooked us something to eat by campfire and fixed us a place to sleep under our wagon. We would cross rivers, go past lakes, climb up to old castle ruins and travel through towns. I remember going through Riga, our capital city, and thought how magnificent it was.

When we arrived at the city of Liepaja, it was swarming with refugees and the German army. We spent about a week in the City Park and experienced a fierce air raid. We were at the very edge of Latvia, nowhere else to go but into the Baltic Sea, but the Russian front was approaching and there was no stopping them.

Two boarded German military ships. After two days at sea, we arrived at Gottenhafen, Germany. The Germans were going to use us as their labor force. However, they were losing the war and we were transported from city to city with short stays here and there. A few times we were sent to "de-licing" camps where hundreds of people took a communal shower and our clothes

were disinfected. Nowadays we all have heard how the Jews would be sent to showers but gas would be turned on them instead.

To our family, this period in Germany from November 1944 until May of 1945 meant surviving air raids and hunger. It felt like a miracle that we were still alive when American troops entered the city of Plauen where we lived at the time. Because my parents did not display any sign of fear toward American soldiers, we children did not either. Americans soldiers shared their chocolate bars with us children and we were fascinated by a word they often used: "Okay."

What were the Allies to do with masses of refugees of various nationalities that flooded Germany? They were Poles, Lithuanians, Estonians, Latvians, Russians, etc. Those who wanted to return to their native countries could do so. For others, like us, Displaced Peoples (D.P.) camps were established. We lived in the camps for four years in cramped conditions, but we had enough to eat. We organized schools, had time on our hands to pursue hobbies, even had theatre groups, art, etc. There were among the refugees people of all professions and they shared their knowledge and talents. We were waiting for Latvia to become free so we could return home, but it did not happen for another fifty years.

Finally, we became eligible to emigrate to different countries all over the world: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Argentina, Brazil, United States and others. In order to emigrate, we had to pass rigorous screening. We had to be healthy physically, mentally, and also prove that we were not Nazis. Also, we had to have a sponsor who would give us work in the country to which we were emigrating.

My family went to South Dakota, Mike's to Minnesota. I was 13 years old and Mike was 16. The year was 1950. Our parents worked on farms for the length of the time of our contracts. As we learned the English language, we moved to other cities, other states – we worked hard, got an education, bought homes, cars, etc. Americans were kind and America was good to us.

As we Latvians scattered all over the world, we organized through common newspapers, built community centers, churches, encouraged one another and never ceased to tell the world about our countrymen back in Latvia—about their terrible fate and the injustice done to them. They were behind the Iron Curtain, and had no voice.

And then, when we lost all hope of Latvia becoming an independent country again, the Berlin Wall came down—Communist Russia collapsed and Latvia was free!

Waking up from a nightmare that had lasted for fifty years is not easy. One is still in a daze and it is hard to distinguish reality



International volunteers in Auce include (l-r) INGA EGLITE (translator); HUGH ANDREW (Rotarian, head of Electrical Installations); BILL BLAYLOCK, WAYNE WELDY and BLAINY SCHULTZ (California Rotarians); LUDVIG TETERIS (Director of Agriculture Experimental Station); EDWIN MUNRO (Australian Rotarian in residence for a year); DR. JEKABSONS (head physician); the Mayor of Auce, Latvia; and MARION MUNRO (wife of Edwin, also working on the project).



Rotary District 5020 Auce volunteers include MIKE and JANINA JANSEVICS (Shelton Skookum), OLE and MARIE MAGNUSON (Gig Harbor), P. SIMMONS (Lakewood), MEL WICK, DICK VANBERG and wife JEAN (Gig Harbor).



Upper right: MEL WICK with Rotary and various international flags commemorating this World Community Service project.

Center: Worker installing ceiling materials.

Lower right: The new boiler: one of the Home Guard stokes the fire that will keep the building warm



from a dream.

And, dear Rotarians, with your unselfish, dedicated work through the Auce Hospital Project, you are showing Latvians that someone cares and that they matter. For that, Mike and I thank each and every one of you,

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was an April 2001 presentation to the Gig Harbor Rotary Club by Janina Jansevics. Mrs. Jansevics is available to speak to Rotary Clubs.



District Governor BOB LOVELY presents DR. TRAVIS CAVENS of Longview Rotary Club with the Rotary International Service Above Self Award for 2000-2001.

Dr. Travis Cavens honored with 2001 RI Service Above Self Award

Dr. Travis Cavens, M.D., retired pediatrician, author, photographer and member of the Longview Noon Rotary Club, was awarded the *Rotary International Service Above Self Award* in presentations at the 2001 Conference. The *Service Above Self Award* is the most prestigious award given by Rotary International. In 2000-2001 there were only 144 awarded worldwide out of nearly 1,200,000 Rotarians.

Dr. Cavens is on the Board of Directors of Northwest Medical Teams, a humanitarian organization based in Portland, Oregon, that helps distressed people throughout the world. He was chairman of the board starting in 1985, a few years after its conception, until 1995. He saw the organization grow to be a 70 million-dollar operation.

Through Northwest Medical Teams, he has traveled to many of the troubled, danger spots of the world, using his pediatric skills to treat and save thousands of children. His trips include: Thailand to treat Cambodian refugees (1980); Thailand to help the Hmong (1982); Ethiopia to save the victims of famine (1985); Iraq to help the Kurds after the Gulf War (1991); Zaire to minister to the fleeing Rwandans (1994); Uzbekistan to treat orphans (1998); Albania to help the Kosovars (1999).

Dr. Cavens continues with his passion to help babies who are innocent victims. He is the driving force that is creating a laboratory in Honduras that will test babies for the AIDS virus soon after they are born. He has worked with UNICEF, the Honduran Ministry of Health, physicians at the University of Washington School of Medicine, Longview Noon Rotary, and Northwest Medical Teams to develop the first PCR test for AIDS virus in Central America. This is part of a program that will provide medicine to pregnant mothers to markedly reduce the transfer of HIV to their babies, preventing these little ones from getting a disease that slowly kills them during their early childhood.

Dr. Cavens was also instrumental in a project to fully immunize the children of Cowlitz County, WA. Between 1998 and 2000, immunization rates increased from 55 to 92 percent. Supporting Dr. Cavens were the Rotary clubs of Cowlitz County, which contributed more than \$64,000 to the project.

Onstage at 87th District Conference



RI Representative JON STILLMAN presents soon-to-be International Director FLOYD OLSON and 5020 DG BOB LOVELY with a Pioneer District banner from the Rotary Centers for International Peace and Conflict Resolution. Rotary districts that commit from District Designated Funds the full amount—US\$50,000—needed to fund a Rotary World Peace Scholar selected for study at the Rotary Centers for the 2002-04 or 2003-05 years are designated Pioneer Districts.



The Deans Peggs Scroll is awarded to the Comox Rotary Club. The scroll is a traveling District Award going to the club that has the highest per capital contribution to the Rotary Foundation from April 1 through March 31 of each year. It is named after PDG (78/79) Deans "DP" Peggs who was an avid proponent and tireless worker on behalf of the Rotary Foundation. The Comox club had a per capital contribution of US\$264.04 during the award period. Other clubs making significant contributions included East Bremerton (\$226.89), Ladysmith (\$199.60), East Jefferson County (\$169.39).



DG BOB thanks RI Representative JON STILLMAN with a presentation of "The Spirit of Rotary" (courtesy of the Parkville Rotary Club).

Presidential Citations

Bremerton	Lacey	Port Angeles N'or	South Kitsap
Campbell River	Ladysmith	Port Orchard	South Puget Sound
Centralia	Lakewood	Port Townsend	Sumner
Chehalis	Longview	Port Townsend Sun	Tacoma #8
Chemainus	Nanaimo	Poulsbo/N. Kitsap	Tacoma Narrows
Clover Park	Nanaimo Daybreak	Puyallup	Tacoma North
Comox	Nanaimo North	Puyallup So. Hill	Tacoma South
Courtenay	Nanaimo Oceanside	Salt Spring Island	Tacoma Sunrise
East Bremerton	Oak Bay	Sequim	Twin Cities
East Jefferson	Olympia	Sequim Sunrise	Victoria
Fife-Milton	Parkland-Spanaway	Silverdale	Victoria Harbourside
Gig Harbor	Parkville AM	Sidney by the Sea	West Olympia
Kelso	Port Angeles	South Cowichan	Woodland

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Nainaimo Oceanside president DAWN TYNDALL presents a check representing the proceeds raised by the club as part of the district-wide Foundation Fracas to DG BOB.



JAMES 'BUCK' FRYMIER translates for DR. RODOLFO MATUS of Managua, Nicaragua, who presented information to the Conference on the We Help You Smile program which serves the children of Nicaragua. Dr. Matus, a plastic surgeon, travels with other physicians in his country doing corrective surgeries to correct a wide variety of birth defects affecting the face and neck. Dr. Matus is a Service Above Self award winner and has operated on more than 40,000 patients, many of them for no fee.



The GSE Teams visiting District 5020 from Finland and Brazil sat for a group portrait at the District Conference, along with two members of the Outbound Brazil GSE Team. From left to right: KIMMO WIHERVAARA, PEKKA TALVINEN, SEIJA ANTONEN, PIRJO HYPEN, VIRPI MEHTALA of Finland; CELSO PIRES ROTHEBARTH, AUGUSTO RODOLFO RISS, CLEBER ROGERIO ATTUNES BARETTO, DAGMAR COSTA CAMPOS of Brazil; LEE HANSEN of Tacoma, WA, 5020 Team Leader to Brazil. In front: MARISTELLA MITIKO OKAMURA of Brazil and GILLIAN CARRIGAN of Victoria, B.C., 5020 Brazil team member.



Langley Ukulele Ensemble from Vancouver has long history of excellence in performance

The Saturday evening entertainment was a performance by the Langley Ukulele Ensemble, an enduring musical group from the Vancouver area.

The Langley Ukulele Ensemble has been in existence for 20 years. During this time the group has developed a wide-ranging reputation for excellence in musical performance. The Ensemble



Peter Luongo

has been led and directed for all of its existence by Rotarian Peter Luongo, the principal of Langley Fundamental Middle School in Vancouver. He and his wife, Sandi have four children (including 2 who are members of the ensemble).

The group's motto is *Enriching Lives Through Music*. It's members see themselves as musical ambassadors for Canada, British Columbia, Langley, as well as for youth. They hope to leave audiences with a sense that there is reason to be hopeful about the future of today's youth

There are currently 18 ensemble members ranging in age from 13-19 years. Each

of these students began their ukulele instruction when they were in fourth grade (9 years of age) through their public school music programs in the Langley School District. The members of the group come from a variety of schools, and they choose to audition for this district-based ensemble.

The Ukulele Ensemble rehearses once a week and all concerts take place outside of the regular school day. They perform up to 75 concerts per year and have established a routine of taking at least one performance tour annually. They have traveled throughout Canada and all along the West Coast of the United States of America, including tours through Washington State, Oregon, and California. In addition, they have produced nine recordings, four of which are CDs, the latest entitled *Enchanted Ukulele*. There is also an all-Hawaiian product, a commemorative edition to celebrate Langley's 125th anniversary, and a recording which is being marketed exclusively in Japan.

The Langley Ukulele Ensemble's theme for the 2001 concert year is *Cruisin' Ukuleles*. The group is about to embark on their 11th tour to Hawaii where they will return for a 7th straight year to perform at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. The group will also represent Canada at the Hawaiian International Ukulele Festival.

For more information, check out the Ensemble's website at www.LangleyUkes.com.

Creating Awareness and Taking Action in R.I. District 5020



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Strathcona-Highland Interactors raise \$500 for needy children in India

The Interact Club of Highland Secondary School raised \$500 through their "Helping Hand" campaign to help purchase prostheses for needy children in India. The club made small hands out of coloured felt, glued them on a pin and sold them to their fellow students for a Loonie during the past few weeks.

On Wednesday last a delegation of Interactors from Highland attended the regular meeting of the Sunrise Rotary club and Interact club Vice-President, *Destry Freeman*, presented their cheque to Rotarian *Chip Ross*, who is coordinating the project with the Rotary club of Chennai in India. Through matching grants available from Rotary District 5020, the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and the Canadian International Development Agency, the \$500 raised by the students will grow to \$4,000 to be used to purchase much needed prosthetic devices for the Indian children.

The Interact Club of Highland Secondary School has been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise since 1995. All Rotarians are proud of the selfless sense of service to others shown by these fine young people.

Contact: *Chip Ross* at: 250-336-8377 for further information about his project.

—JOHN CHALLENGER



Rotarian *CHIP ROSS* accepts a cheque for \$500 from *DESTRY FREEMAN*, Vice-President of the Interact club of Highland Secondary School.

Additional Financial Support is needed for Zimbabwe Project

Doug Ante has an ongoing project with rural schools around Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, in Africa. He was there for the third time in November, organizing a major trip for this spring with 18 volunteers, 5 spouses & 2 Interact students. The purpose of the trip was the ship and distribute two containers of books and school supplies (with a retail value of \$1.4 million dollars) which had been collected by clubs throughout District 5020.

The volunteers would disseminate these instructional material to 40 schools while doing intensive work at 6 schools. The project Matching Grant dollars of \$200,000 is designed to support the shipping costs and volunteers.

To get the grant proposal approved by Rotary International, the signatures of the club president of the sponsoring clubs on both sides of the world needed to be obtained. And in Zimbabwe there was a hitch. *Ante* says, "We will probably never know why one signature never arrived but after 90 days of repeated requests by E-mail and fax it finally arrived. I phoned Rotary International and told them all the documentation was complete - the final signature was in! They informed me that I was ONE DAY LATE for funding in this Rotary year. The next funding cycle starts on August 15 and my group and their request would have to wait until then. Our plans were to go in May, June and July of this year but our trip is postponed until next year."

Ante goes on to explain that the delay is not the only problem, "When I was in Zimbabwe in November, I never anticipated this problem and made 3 promises to people over there that they have gone ahead with and payment is now due. Therefore, we need additional donations to meet this obligations. [If I use existing money collected we will lose out on the matching grant ability and reduce its multiplication factor of "X8 match." So I am asking clubs the clubs in the district to see if they have any funds available to help this wonderful project.

The three needs are:

1. \$650US (\$1000Cdn) for the completion of gutters on a rural primary school. The Bulawayo Rotary Club have installed them in good faith and we owe them the money
2. \$300US ((450Cdn) for Slates for primary school children to learn their writing and arithmetic. This is owing to a group called Abilities that is run by Rotarians and hires challenged people, both physically and mentally.
3. \$3000Us (\$4570Cdn) for school fees for 95 children at Silozwe Secondary School. These fees were promised for the school term starting last January and are overdue. The school knew they would have to wait for one term but we are now into the second term (of 3) and they need the fees to cover expenses.

Any help would be appreciated. Send cheques to The Comox Rotary Club, Africa Fund, c/o Doug Ante, #5-241 Puntledge Rd., Courtenay, B.C. V9N 3P9.

Creating Awareness and Taking Action in R.I. District 5020

Nanaimo Rotary Club recognizes local youth

On Friday, April 27th, the Nanaimo Rotary Club recognized youth in a variety of ways.

A presentation was made to Principal *Susan Wilks* of Princess Royal and Librarian *Sharlene Lapadat*. From contributions by members and a donation by the Rotary Club, \$800 was donated to enable the librarian to purchase books on a "wish list." This was part of the program whereby the Nanaimo Rotary Club adopted Princess Royal for the year. At Christmas time, the members donated several items plus cash to assist the school with its Christmas Store.

On Friday, the Rotary Club also recognized two students from Nanaimo who, through their volunteer efforts, exemplify the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". The two students are *Noelle Pare* and *Mike Olson*, both of Wellington Secondary. These individuals were among several nominated by school and community personnel. Noelle was recognized for her participation in "Global Watch", Children's Book Festival, Teen Talkline, Toastmasters, and Youth Options. Mike was recognized for his involvement in Peer Helpers, Peer Mediation, Global Watch, Student Council, Scouts, and attending the Nanaimo Youth Forum. The Rotary Club was proud to honor these two outstanding youth in our community.

At the meeting there was also a presentation made by *Carolyn Vallee*. Carolyn was one of five students from the area who attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Award this past March at Lutheran Pacific University in Tacoma. In her presentation she commented on the several motivational speakers and how she came away "pumped" with a positive outlook and ideas for the future.

Comments were also made by *Kathy Reynes*, a Rotarian who outlined the Youth Exchange Program, scholarships provided to students in SD 68, Malaspina University-College and the Vancouver Island Music Festival.

For Rotarians it was a wonderful acknowledgment of the many fine youth in our community and the opportunity to provide assistance and recognition.

—ROSS WHITE



Princess Royal Principal *SUSAN WILKS* and Librarian *SHARLENE LAPADAT* with Nanaimo president *BOB PULLEYBLANK*.



NOELLE PARE and *MIKE OLSON*, both students at Wellington Secondary are honored for their activities.



Rotarian *MIKE COLLINS* (l) monitors Sunrise President *BOB MCQUILLAN* (r) in his efforts to move some earth.

Strathcona Sunrise Rotarians break ground for Therapeutic Garden

Last week, ground was broken in preparation for the construction of a new therapeutic garden adjacent to the Comox Community Centre on Noel Avenue. Working with the Therapeutic Garden Society and in partnership with the Comox Recreation Commission, the Strathcona Sunrise Rotarians will construct raised beds, walkways and seating areas that will provide opportunities for people with reduced ambulatory abilities to enjoy some recreational gardening.

Described by some as "food for the soul" gardening will provide opportunities for people in wheelchairs and others who use devices to help them get around, to enjoy time out of doors, nurture plants and watch them grow. The Noel Avenue location will be easily accessible to people who live in the community.

Rotary President *Bob McQuillan* is delighted with the progress that has been made to date in preparing the ground for the complex, which will be the Sunrises' major community project for this Rotary year. *McQuillan* and Sunrise Rotarian *Mike Collins*, who is acting as project coordinator, inspected the work last Wednesday and proclaimed their satisfaction with all aspects.

Pierce County clubs recognize three for Rotary Community Service Award

Three non-Rotarian residents of Pierce County were recently recognized for the Community Service Award in an event coordinated by the Tacoma #8 Rotary Club.

President-Elect *Kathy Martin* presented this year's recipient, *Pastor Ivory Crittendon*, with a plaque and a \$2000 check for the Christian Brotherhood Academy. As nominees, *Jerry Korum* and *Julia White* will each have \$250 given in their names to a charitable organization of their choice.

Nominated by the *Clover Park Club* and selected as the 2001 award recipient, *Ivory Crittendon* is the founder and pastor of Brotherhood Church of God and the founder of the Christian Brotherhood Academy. At age 70, he has lived his entire life as one of Service Above Self.

Jerry Korum was nominated by the Puyallup South Hill Rotary Club. A big fan of children, Jerry established the Korum for Kids Foundation and co-chaired the raising of \$4 million to build the new YMCA on Puyallup's South Hill. He is a behind the scenes person, setting a fine example of the Rotary Motto of "Service Above Self."

Julia White was nominated by the Fife-Milton Club. She spends countless hours building her community by actively serving the Audubon Society, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, American Red Cross, and the DARE program. Julie is an inspiration to her community and Rotary's Service Above Self motto.

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Salt Spring Rotary celebrates 30 years of service with its Salty Mermaid!

The Salt Spring Island Rotary Club has a proud history of community service. During the past 30 years Rotarians have served various island communities either by donations or by giving time, which is often turned into money. The club has helped to purchase two heart machines, the jaws of life, cement garbage containers, seniors' housing, a chair lift for the community pool, a pulse-activated monitor for the heart machine, and a helicopter pad.

The idea of creating a statue—the Salty Maid—for Rotary Marine Park and manufacturing tiles for sale to the community at large to help fund it was the suggestion of Rotarian sculptor *Thomas McPhee*. Tom designed the statue while the rest of the club helped with supplies, equipment and ideas for developing a theme for the waterfront park that would attract visitors and residents. McPhee estimates that over 1000 volunteer hours from more than 60 people went into the four-year project.

The mermaid overlooks Ganges Harbor. She holds an astrolabe, an ancient navigational aid used to plot a ship's course by measuring the angle of the stars. However, new symbols were chosen for this astrolabe: a nebulous path, travel, security, police, home, power, wind, and fire represent the courses the Salt Spring Island community could choose to chart its future.

The Rotary Marine Park was just nine years ago, derelict land. It was filled, flattened and deeded to the Rotary club. The club built a dinghy dock and is continuing a paving project around the sculpture's foundation. Interlocking tiles with a fish motif will surround the mermaid and are, in fact, part of the complete work of art.

The ongoing sales of tiles at \$40 each (\$120 for a complete circle) have more than met the expenses of the park project. They have also supported several exchange students, a scholarship to a computer course, and the sponsorship of a local student to a leadership convention in Tacoma, WA.

The Salt Spring Rotary club and their park intend to symbolize their commitment to community. President *John Neville* says, "Our Salty Maid represents an incredible amount of dedication by Rotarians to this island. The Maid symbolizes the whole Rotary Marine Park and our commitment to making Salt Spring a better place."

(Our thanks to The Gulf Islands Driftwood and The Barnacle for this story.)



Salt Spring Island Rotarians, led by president JOHN NEVILLE, celebrate the unveiling of the marvelous world class sculpture of a mermaid that they have built and contributed to their community. The artist is SSI Rotarian TOM MCPHEE. The club has been working on this for over 4 years and the 12-foot statue dominates the entire waterfront park (also built by the SSI Rotary Club). Boaters who arrive in Ganges will be able to see the statue for several miles as they enter the harbor. This is truly an outstanding community service project. The club is funding the project by selling concrete tiles with inscriptions (like your name or whatever you want) made to order.

Tacoma Narrows springs for the kids to the tune of \$64,000

The Tacoma Narrows Rotary Club raised more than \$64,000 at its annual fund-raiser auction, "Spring for the Kids" held on April 21.

When asked to fund an item, guests chipped in \$13,000 to provide desks, school supplies, cups and plates to a small elementary school in Brasilito, Costa Rica. The Brasilito School is the club's new international project, shepherded by *Larry and Sheilah Melsness* of University Place, who also donated a week at their home in Costa Rica to the auction.

The Tacoma Narrows Rotary serves Fircrest and University Place and annually raises funds to support a variety of causes.

Sequim Dictionaries Program Awarded R.I. Significant Achievement Award

The Sequim Rotary Club, under the direction of President *Marie Angier*, was awarded the Rotary International Significant Achievement Award for a school partnership program in which they gave every 4th grader in the Sequim School District (public and private schools) a dictionary of their own to use, in the hopes that they may improve their reading skills and their first WASL test scores and that they will also know that the community cares about them wishes for them to succeed. Over one-half of the club visited the various classrooms. Before each student received their personalized book, Sequim Rotarians visited with the student about the project. Each student was presented the dictionary with their name labeled in the book and a letter from the club president to the parents was enclosed. The letter described Rotary, a brief history of the Sequim club, along with why they believed in the project, and best wishes for the students' success. The club received many positive comments and cards from the students, parents, teachers, the Sequim School Administration and the public and plans to repeat the project next year and on into the future.

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Attendance Report: April 2001

Area	Club Name	Members:July	Members:Apr	%	Area Rank	District Rank
1	Campbell River	82	78	87%	3	12
1	Campbell River Daybreak	49	46	89%	2	8
1	Comox	50	47	79%	5	25
1	Courtenay	101	106	82%	4	18
1	Port Hardy	38	40	98%	1	5
1	Strathcona Sunrise	59	63	75%	6	35
2A	Parksville	44	38	88%	2	10
2A	Parksville A.M.	39	35	86%	3	13
2A	Port Alberni	28	29	76%	5	34
2A	Port Alberni Aerosmith	13	17	79%	4	25
2A	Qualicum Beach	35	37	91%	1	7
2A	Qualicum Beach Sunrise	29	24	55%	6	58
2B	Nanaimo	87	88	75%	3	35
2B	Nanaimo Daybreak	39	36	77%	2	32
2B	Nanaimo North	54	55	70%	4	42
2B	Nanaimo Oceanside	25	27	78%	1	28
2B	Lantzville	48	46	55%	5	58
3	Chemainus	29	30	80%	1	21
3	Duncan	47	47	55%	5	58
3	Duncan Daybreak	43	42	80%	1	21
3	Ladysmith	26	34	72%	3	39
3	Salt Spring Island	34	34	55%	5	58
3	South Cowichan	48	53	70%	4	42
4	Brentwood Bay	26	23	71%	6	41
4	Colwood	45	44	89%	1	8
4	Oak Bay	52	48	70%	7	42
4	Saanich - Sunrise	21	22	80%	3	21
4	Saanich	57	56	72%	5	39
4	Sidney	34	38	83%	2	15
4	Sidney By The Sea	36	35	67%	8	51
4	Sooke	28	27	80%	3	21
4	Victoria	189	169	55%	9	58
4	Victoria - Harbourside	107	101	55%	9	58
5	East Jefferson County	42	49	70%	3	42
5	Port Angeles	82	80	55%	7	58
5	Port Angeles-Nor'wester	75	71	70%	3	42
5	Port Townsend	60	65	77%	2	32
5	Port Townsend Sunrise	29	27	68%	5	48
5	Sequim	56	60	57%	6	57
5	Sequim Sunrise	71	75	85%	1	14
6	Bainbridge Island	50	51	88%	3	10
6	Bremerton	94	99	78%	5	28
6	East Bremerton	91	85	100%	1	2
6	Port Orchard	77	83	83%	4	15
6	Poulsbo - North Kitsap	78	75	78%	5	28
6	Silverdale - Sunrise	0	28	94.00	2	3
6	Silverdale	90	83	68%	7	48
6	South Kitsap	19	19	55%	8	58
7	Clover Park	59	60	55%	6	58
7	Gig Harbor	96	97	82%	3	18
7	Tacoma #8	414	426	55%	6	58
7	Tacoma Narrows	49	39	99%	2	4
7	Tacoma North	31	30	68%	4	48
7	Tacoma South	31	37	61%	5	56
7	Tacoma Sunrise	71	80	101%	1	1
8	Fife/Milton	31	30	73%	2	38
8	Lakewood	127	122	97%	1	6
8	Parkland Spanaway	49	48	55%	3	58
8	Puyallup	74	76	55%	3	58
8	Puyallup-South Hill	38	41	55%	3	58
8	Sumner	82	86	55%	3	58
9	Aberdeen	111	104	55%	7	58
9	Hoquiam	27	26	55%	7	58
9	Lacey	135	129	83%	1	15
9	Olympia	192	199	63%	6	54
9	Shelton	54	59	65%	4	52
9	Shelton Skookum	50	53	65%	4	52
9	South Puget Sound	45	44	81%	2	20
9	Tumwater	45	52	75%	3	35
9	West Olympia	91	98	55%	7	58
10	Centralia	60	49	55%	5	58
10	Chehalis	74	62	51%	7	77
10	Kelso	74	77	69%	3	47
10	Longview	163	165	63%	4	54
10	Longview Early Edition	63	65	78%	2	28
10	Twin Cities	45	50	55%	5	58
10	Woodland	34	38	79%	1	25
	TOTAL:	4,971	5,007			

District Calendar

JUNE

FINALIZE CLUB PLANS AND INSTALL OFFICERS FOR 2001-2002

- 2 Membership Training for WA @ Copperfield's in Tacoma
9 Membership Training for V. Island @ St. Andrew's Church, Nanaimo
10 Longview Rotary Club: Tour de Blast Bike Ride
15 Shelton Rotary Club: 50th Anniversary
18 Campbell River Rotary Club: Great Duck Race
24-27 International Convention @ San Antonio, TX

JUL

- 21-22 District Council Mtg @ Victoria

AUG

- 18-20 Pierce County Rotary Clubs Courage Classic Bicycle Tour @ Snoqualmie Pass

FEB '02

- 9-10 District Leadership Training Assembly @ Victoria, B.C.

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This is the very first time that Rotary will have a "Virtual Convention" that will enable Rotarians around the world to view both the Institute and Convention activities and proceedings soon after they occur throughout both events. Rotary's worldwide translators are even making the convention events available in a variety of languages.

When you visit this web site to attend the San Antonio Convention, you will see it through the hourly and daily reports prepared by a team of "reporters" with digital cameras. Be sure to register and don't forget to put your comments in the president's Guest Book. This will be an exciting event and *President Devlyn* invites you to participate often during the convention. *Governor Bob Lovely* encourages you to attend as well.

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