



# 5020 News

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## *A Word from DG Erik*

# Port Hardy's student guests will never forget

**By Erik Frederickson  
District Governor**

Marnie and I have been on the road steadily since last month's newsletter message. We've been continuing our club visits having completed about one third of the total of 86 clubs in our district.

It is a privilege to be able to meet our Rotarian members around the district and to see first hand what is being accomplished by our clubs in the spirit of Rotary service. Every club, each in its own fashion, is involved in service to their community and the form each project takes varies widely from community to community with the commonality of a positive contribution to the lives of the areas' citizens.

We are energized and inspired after each visit, in awe of the totality of what's being done from place to place.

### **Port Hardy pulls out stops**

On the last weekend in September we were able to attend the Inbound Youth Exchange Student Orientation in Port Hardy and were first of all quite impressed once again with the quality of the students that have traveled great distances not only in miles/kilometers, but for many in cultural differences as well. We clearly are blessed to be able to host such a terrific group of young ambassadors to our clubs and communities. It is these young people who are our world's future.



**District Governor Erik and Marnie**

The second impression Marnie and I were left with was the unbelievable effort extended by both the members and families of the Port Hardy Rotary Club as well as the whole community of Port Hardy. I've heard of this event from Governors who have gone before me and all I've heard proved true. The Port Hardy community pulls out all the stops to both host, entertain and expose the inbound students to their unique and wonderful part of the world. My congratulations to them as well as our district's profound "Thanks!" for a job exceedingly well done and a wonderful service provided. Many thanks as well to Chair Leighton Mellemstrand and his most devoted

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and hard-working Youth Exchange Committee for all they do year round, many times unseen and I'm afraid underappreciated. There is a year-round commitment and they carry off the job with unusual grace and expertise. Thank you all!

#### **Membership, Foundation seminars**

Please remember the ongoing seminars for both Membership and the Rotary Foundation. There will be Membership seminars on Sept. 23 in Silverdale and again in the Victoria area on Oct. 7. Foundation seminars will also be held on Sept. 23 in Silverdale and Sept. 30 in Tacoma. Please go the district website for information and registration:

[www.rotary5020.org](http://www.rotary5020.org).

The two areas of Membership (growth and retention) and Rotary Foundation support are probably the two most difficult to grasp and master. These sessions will be led by our District Chairs for Membership, Maureen (Mo) Fritz-Roberts and for the Foundation, Joan Firkins. I can't think of two more dedicated and energetic proponents for their particular areas of expertise. Please plan to come and let them help you and your club be a success in these areas of endeavor.

There is much to do in our communities and our world. Being a Rotarian exposes us to opportunities to use our talents and our assets in the ongoing effort to make the world a better place. May you all remember to "Lead the Way" and make a difference in the life of someone through Rotary Service.

Rotary does serve peace.

**Erik and Marnie**



**Joan Firkins**

## Foundation work rolls on: Ambassadorial Scholars

Former District Governor Joan Firkins, now District 5020's Foundation chair, said 53 people attended the first of the Foundation Seminars being held around the District to date, with more to come.

Firkins, in a recent email, recalled some history of the Foundation, particularly about Ambassadorial Scholars:

Rotary Foundation began in 1917, but didn't become a major component of Rotary until founder Paul Harris' death in 1947. Upon Paul's death, more than \$1 million was contributed in memorial gifts. Shortly thereafter the first program of the Foundation was established; *Fellowship for Advanced Study* - the forerunner to the now-popular Ambassadorial Scholarships Program.

The Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarships program is one of the world's largest privately funded international scholarship programs for university studies. Since 1947, approximately 37,000 students from some 110 countries have studied abroad. These include film critic Roger Ebert, journalist Bill Moyers, and Sadako Ogata, the former UN High Commissioner on Refugees.

Check out our District website for more information on Ambassadorial Scholars:

<http://www.rotary5020.org/foundation/scholarships.php>

# “Courage Classic” brings together Gig Harbor and Tacoma Wash. Rotarians to help children

Fundraising bike ride joins many clubs in the cause

**By Becky Morgan**  
**Assistant District Governor**  
**Area 7**

The seven clubs in Tacoma and Gig Harbor hit the pavement running at the start of this Rotary year!

An early highlight for Rotary in Pierce is the annual Courage Classic. All Area 7 (and Area 8) clubs volunteered Aug. 5 – 7, manning riders' service stations for the 3-day bicycle race over the Cascade mountain passes. The stations serve breakfast, lunch or snacks and all compete with one another for the best theme and best food. It's been said by bicycle riders that the Courage Classic is the only bicycle race they know of where you can ride that many miles and actually gain weight!

**The Courage Classic** is a fundraiser to support the Mary Bridge Child Abuse and Sexual Assault clinic and services. In 1988, the “Tacoma Little Boy” incident drew the attention of local and national media. But more importantly it drew the attention of local Rotarians as well. Two

members of the Tacoma Sunrise Rotary came to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital with an idea to invite all of the Pierce County Rotary Clubs to take on the problem of child abuse in our communities. Out of this challenge came the birth of the Courage Classic Bicycle Tour and the creation of the Rotary Endowment for the Intervention and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect at Mary Bridge.

From the initial gift of \$100,000 from the Lakewood Rotary, the endowment has grown to over \$2.5 million with a final goal of \$5 million. Each Rotary Club in Pierce County has taken on responsibility for creating, staffing and supporting one of the rider service centers or lunch stops along the Courage Classic route.

Each year more than 425 Rotary volunteers participate to support the cyclists. A number of Rotary clubs also have members cycling in the race. This year's Courage Classic had over 400 riders and raised nearly \$500,000.

Beginning with well-organized and well-attended installation events, the new presidents and officers began rolling out their annual plans with the strong support and involvement of their club members. All have begun actively working toward their goals for membership recruitment/retention, Foundation giving, fundraising and service projects.

The presidents and presidents-elect in Pierce County (Areas 7 and 8) continue to meet together monthly to share ideas, discuss common issues, update activities calendars and receive RI and District information to support their successes. This monthly Presidents' Council meeting is well attended.

**See the following page for images of the “Courage Classic” and other Gig Harbor/Tacoma Rotary activities!**

## Gig Harbor & Tacoma Rotarians at work... & play!



Above, Tacoma Narrows Rotarians (from left) Bob Rummel, Ann Smith and Len Smith scrubbed over 500 potatoes. Below, a misting station at the top of Stevens Pass. Below right, Pat Doak and Debbie Patterson organize the potato fixings before "Courage Classic" cyclists arrive at Stevens Pass.



# Gig Harbor & Tacoma clubs have busy start to 2006-2007

**By Becky Morgan**  
**Assistant District Governor**  
**Area 7**

## **Gig Harbor**

Gig Harbor's installation event, an informal dinner with a Hawaiian theme, saw the gavel passed to Terry Brown. With Terry at the helm, the club is planning a major water project in Peru and plans to seek matching grant funds. Over 60 members volunteered for the Courage Classic, working at a riders' service station that served their famous, award-winning spaghetti feed. The club just finished painting a "Paint Tacoma Beautiful" house on the Key Peninsula, and has several other hands-on community construction projects planned. The club's Foundation Chair Hal Barker is a strong supporter and keeps the Foundation on the agenda at every weekly meeting.

## **Gig Harbor Mid-Day**

Deb Murphy took on the presidency at a formal installation event, held at Canterwood Country Club. Deb is the club's fifth president and second woman president. A number of Mid-Day members volunteered at the Courage Classic and one member was a rider. The club just ended its annual flower bulb sale to fund a water project. The publicity is out with a website ([www.harborhounds.com](http://www.harborhounds.com)) and posters all over town for the Harbor Hounds dog walk on Sept. 23. The proceeds fund the Prison Pet Partnership and the Spay and Neuter Project. The event and its co-chair Kim Owen were mentioned and quoted in an article in the September 2006 Rotarian magazine ("See *Spot's Owner Walk*" on p.15). Brochures have been distributed and teams formed for Golfaritaville, a golf tournament to support the Etta Project (named for Etta Turner, a Rotary exchange



**Gig Harbor Rotarians paint Lakebay.**

student who tragically died in a bus accident in Bolivia on her exchange several years ago) scheduled for Oct. 13. The club is also actively involved in the process of establishing an Interact club.

## **Tacoma Narrows**

Called "Charter Night," the Narrows Rotary's installation celebration was a formal dinner with presentation of awards and Paul Harris fellows, as well as installation of new officers and board. The new club president Kenn Triebelhorn and his board will emphasize membership recruitment this year. Narrows club members staffed their annual award-winning "baked potatoes and fixins" riders' station at the Courage Classic. They also just finished a "paint UP/Fircrest" project. The club sponsors a Youth Exchange student who just arrived last month as well as an outbound student who went to Australia. Their projects this year will focus on youth, with significant funding for scholarships.

## **Tacoma North**

Tacoma North president Drew McDougall and his officers and board were installed at a special ceremony held during a regular club meeting. Each year Tacoma North sponsors the Courage Classic riders' station at Mineral Springs on the

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way to Blewett Pass, providing Sunday morning snacks and entertainment. The club actively tutors and mentors elementary school children. Tacoma North is also donating dictionaries to all the third graders in Tacoma Public Schools (2248 children!). Members volunteered on a clean-up project with the Salvation Army. Tacoma North plans to contribute to another international water project this year. The club will also focus on membership recruitment and retention as a major goal during 2006-07.

### **Tacoma No. 8**

The largest club in our District, Tacoma held its turnover meeting on the last meeting of the Rotary year. The turnover meeting is always filled with creative ways to both honor and roast the outgoing president. The meeting is followed by a traditional harborside gathering of members on the water in their boats for the rest of the afternoon and evening. This party on the water included tossing outgoing president Nita Sell into the water. New president Pete Taylor kicked off the first meeting of his year with a special guest speaker, Past RI President Cliff Dochterman. The Tacoma club participated in the Courage Classic. The club is also working on a Habitat for Humanity project, and is hosting three Youth Exchange students. Tacoma is sponsoring an Ambassadorial Scholar and continues to sponsor an Interact club. Tacoma No. 8 is planning to start a Rotaract club as well. They will be hosting a GSE team and hosting the District WCS seminar in January. Past presidents Kathleen Olson and Jim Henderson are co-chairing the 2007 District Conference to be held June 1 – 3 in Tacoma.

### **Tacoma South**

Holding a formal dinner and auction, the Tacoma South Rotary combined its installation event with a fundraiser. With a focus on membership recruitment, President Johann Drewett has planned a wine tasting and Rotary information event inviting a list of non-Rotarian South end business persons. Tacoma South participated in the Courage Classic and continues its ongoing work with the area Boys & Girls Club. They are



### **Tacoma Narrows Rotarians Rob Molleston and Terry Cronk wash a house prior to painting it.**

initiating an international project to help an orphanage in Mexico.

District Governor Erik Frederickson held his formal club visit there on July 24. The club appreciated his information and inspiration during both the club meeting and board meeting that followed. Board member Judy Jones gave Erik and his wife Marnie a tour of the South End Boys & Girls Club. The Boys & Girls Club receives not only financial contributions from Tacoma South, but each year the children go fishing.

### **Tacoma Sunrise**

Sunrise got an early start on the new Rotary year by installing its new officers and board at its charter night in May during a formal, dinner event. Membership will be an emphasis during 2006-07. With President Sandra Steffeney leading the way, Tacoma Sunrise has big plans for the year. It will hold two new member breakfasts using the Club in a Club. It will continue to support Sunrise House, a home for homeless teen moms and their infants or toddlers. This ongoing project receives both financial and hands-on assistance from Sunrise Rotarians. Mentoring school children and awarding their achievements is also continuing. The club's annual auction, "Spotlight on Kids" is scheduled for Oct. 14. Past president Pearl Rose is serving on the District Membership Committee .

## *Spot News Around District 5020*



### **In Port Townsend: World's newest Interact Club receives charter**

Evy Cox, a Port Townsend High School student, holds the charter that created the PTHS Interact Club on Sept. 5 before a room full of supporters from both the Port Townsend (noon) Rotary Club and the Port Townsend Sunrise Club, the two sponsoring clubs. Speaking is District 5020 Interact Chair Wayne Beckwith, who said there are now 23 clubs with 400 members in 5020. Next to Cox are other Interact officers and club officials.



**A loss in the District 5020 Rotary family:** Don Hammond, District Governor in 1985-86, has passed away. He was a member of Rotary in Cowichan and later Duncan, where his service takes place Sept. 23.

## ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Area	Club	Membership	Attendance	Area Rank
7	Tacoma Sunrise	69	93%	1
1	Comox	0	88%	1
6A	Kingston - North Kitsap	47	87%	1
1	Campbell River	67	85%	2
8	Lakewood	124	84%	1
10	Twin Cities (Centralia-Chehalis)	52	83%	1
3	Chemainus	33	81%	1
9B	Tumwater	51	80%	1
2A	Port Alberni	24	80%	1
5	Port Townsend (Noon)	83	80%	1
3	South Cowichan (Mill Bay)	54	78%	2
9B	Hawks Prairie-Lacey	40	78%	2
5	Port Townsend-Sunrise	42	77%	2
6A	East Bremerton	79	77%	2
7	East Grays Harbor County	21	77%	2
5	Port Angeles	0	76%	3
9B	South Puget Sound-Olympia	50	76%	3
4B	Sidney	29	74%	1
5	Sequim	63	74%	4
4A	Oak Bay	58	74%	1
2A	Qualicum Beach	36	73%	2
4B	Brentwood Bay	26	73%	2
4A	Sooke	33	73%	2
5	Sequim Sunrise	85	72%	5
7	Gig Harbor	109	72%	3
2B	Nanaimo	86	71%	1
9A	Shelton Skookum	50	71%	1
2A	Parksville AM	0	70%	3
6A	Silverdale	79	70%	3
10	Longview-Early Edition	59	70%	2
9B	Lacey	119	70%	4
10	Woodland	30	69%	3
5	East Jefferson County	59	68%	6
6A	Port Orchard	85	67%	4
3	Ladysmith	42	67%	3
10	Chehalis	65	66%	4
4A	Victoria	120	65%	3
2A	Parksville	0	65%	4
8	Fife-Milton	23	64%	2
9B	Olympia	146	64%	5
7	Tacoma North	34	63%	4
2A	Qualicum Beach Sunrise	27	62%	5
1	Courtenay	104	61%	3
7	Tacoma South	0	60%	5
10	Longview	157	59%	5
9A	Shelton	53	58%	2
6A	Bainbridge Island	94	57%	5
3	Duncan Daybreak	0	57%	4
9A	Hoquiam	34	54%	3
2A	Port Alberni-Arrowsmith	17	53%	6
5	Port Angeles (Norwester)	62	51%	7