

District Governor 2009-2010

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November is FOUNDATION Month



**While you can teach a child
to count,
it is better to teach
WHAT counts.**
- Michael Josephson

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OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION & FUTURE VISION

The countdown has begun! July 1st will be here before we know it. With the changes in Future Vision, the District is going to have more latitude on how we spend District Designated Funds. Our District has a voice in how the program will be shaped over the next three years. So, as we work with Future Vision, it will be important to have valuable input from each club's Foundation Chair, and World Community Service Chair, on what problems they encounter, as well as what they find that works well.

We are fortunate to have PDG Brian Beagle at the helm as our Foundation Chairman for the next three Rotary years. This is a huge commitment on his part and his dedication to detail will help us make, and track, changes over the next three years.

I ask all clubs to have two Foundation people at the club level. This will insure at least one person from each club will be able to attend DLTA and all Foundation meetings. If both members can attend, even better! Remember, the money we donate to The Rotary Foundation this year will come back to the District in three years! Our goal this year for the Annual Programs Fund is \$1,000,000.00. If we can encourage ALL Rotarians to give something this year we can reach our goal!

We approved 22 Grants during the first six weeks of this Rotary year before running out of money. Just think what you will need in three years!

Please, don't forget each club's obligation for the second \$100,000,000 PolioPlus Matching Grant Challenge from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The initial PolioPlus Matching Grant Challenge began in 2007 when the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation gave Rotary \$100,000,000. The additional \$100,000,000 Grant Challenge began in January of this year when the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation gave Rotary an additional \$255,000,000! The total obligation from each club is a minimum donation of \$6,000 by 2012.

As of October 21, \$99 million dollars has been raised for Rotary's Challenge through club donations and through fund raising efforts such as: "The Concert to End Polio Now", a raffle for a car, 14 Major League Baseball clubs showed their support and donated a portion of their ticket sales, and others. Go online to www.rotary.org to find other ideas!

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Rotary International Foundation Supports Diverse Projects

By PDG Brian Beagle, District 5020 Foundation Chair

November is Rotary Foundation Month, when Rotary International asks each of us to contemplate what The Foundation means to Rotary, to our Clubs, and to each of us as Rotarians.

I have heard many reasons, over the years, why I should support The Rotary Foundation:



- *I should support The Rotary Foundation because I am a Rotarian.*
- *I should support The Rotary Foundation because it is one of the most efficient foundations in the world.*
- *I should support The Rotary Foundation because it is unique in its diversity of programs.*

All of these are good and valid reasons. In reality, I support The Rotary Foundation for a combination of the above reasons. As a Rotarian I believe that: "What we do defines who we are". Whether we are talking about preventing disease; or providing clean, safe drinking water; or enhancing the opportunity for a child, or an adult to learn to read The Rotary Foundation helps to spread our impact around the world and to make a difference in the lives of others. The Rotary Foundation extends our reach beyond our own communities and provides the opportunity for those "one-on-one" contacts that help to "foster peace and world understanding."

The Rotary Foundation ranks among the top 1,400 foundations in the world and is recognized for excellent stewardship. The Rotary Foundation supports the commitment of Rotarians ensuring projects are successfully completed. It is this reputation for stewardship and commitment that encouraged the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to contribute \$355,000,000 to the Worldwide Polio Eradication effort. It is this reputation that leads other organizations to reach out to Rotary in partnerships to make a positive difference in people's lives.

The Rotary Foundation provides an unmatched variety of programs. It truly is a charitable organization that provides something for everyone. If your interest is in: Providing scholarship opportunities for those unable to afford the cost of a world class education; Providing basic education to those with no access to schools; Providing medicines and medical tools to isolated villages; Providing clean safe water and improved sanitation to the poorest in the world; providing tools and training to improve food production; or Providing a microcredit loan to help a woman start and grow a small business to support her family The Rotary Foundation is there to help.

As Rotarians our motto is "Service Above Self". If we believe in Rotary, we should each make The Rotary Foundation one of our top charities of choice. I encourage each of you to make a donation this year, and every year, to The Rotary Foundation.



PDG Norm Watts,
District Trainer

OUR ROTARY WORLD

As members of Rotary develop a thorough understanding of our Rotary world they become committed Rotarians and enjoy the true meaning of service.

After reading the November 2009 issue of The Rotarian ... "A very interesting issue!"

- Have you discovered the "Nominee Named" for RI President in 2011-2012?
- Where is his Rotary home? By the way, do you know who is RI President next year?
- In "How to Save the World" there is reference to the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital.
- Have you read the story of Mahabouba? Some D5020 Rotarians know service at this hospital.
- Have you read about Rotarians who serve in "Alliance for Smiles" missions?
- What do Rotarians do in service on these missions?
- How do 5020 Rotarians serve Rotaplast?
- Have you read about "The Clean Water Challenge"?

"Look for opportunities this year to make a significant long-term, positive impact on the lives of others. The best way to feel good is to be good."

- Michael Josephson

Cumberland Rotarians Give Young Swimmers a Boost

(L - R) Carly Gunter and Tiana Greenhill of the Orcas Synchronized Swim Club were all smiles after accepting a cheque for \$500 from Cumberland Rotarian Chantal Stefan at the Rotary club's fifth annual Extravaganza Italiana fundraiser in October.

The Rotarians donated the money to the young swimmers to help them defray costs during the coming year. 250 guests dined on a five-course, family-style Italian meal prepared by Custom Gourmet Chef, Dawn McRae and her team.



District Recognized for Net Member Gain & Highest Foundation Giving

District 5020 was announced as the winner of four Zone 25 Awards at the recently concluded Rotary Institute in Monterey, CA.



Past District Governor Brian Beagle received on the behalf of the entire District a Rotary Zone 25 award for Greatest Percentage Increase in Membership, with a 1.6% net increase during Rotary year 2008-09.

The District also received three Rotary Foundation Awards for Highest Giving the Annual Programs Fund, Highest Restricted Giving and Highest Total Giving. Certificates for these awards were presented to PDG Brian as part of The Rotary Foundation recognition luncheon held Saturday, Oct. 10.

District 5020 was also recognized as the District with the highest total giving among all West Coast districts with over \$1.18M in one year.

Award for the Greatest Percentage Net Increase in Membership for 2008-09 presented by Zone 25 Membership Coordinator PDG Judy Beard-Stubbing.



Every Rotarian, Every Year Can Change the World

When you make your club's Every Rotarian, Every Year program a success, you help change the world.

All money raised through EREY goes to the [Annual Programs Fund](#), which supports The Rotary Foundation's humanitarian and educational programs. This includes [humanitarian grants](#) that Rotarians use for projects such as literacy classes, mosquito nets, and clean water.

While giving US\$100 per year through EREY -- less than \$9 per month -- may seem like a small amount, the Foundation helps that money have a big impact. For example, it can help provide four cataract surgeries in India. Also, when you give \$100 you automatically become a [Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member](#).

Learn how to make a world of difference through EREY, and download the [EReY Success Booklet](#) from the RI website. This publication includes a club schedule, weekly Rotary Foundation thoughts, and more information about EREY that can help make the program a success in your club. Use the booklet to get ready for Rotary Foundation Month in November.



Comox Rotarian Bent Harder Carries Olympic Torch

When the Olympic flame arrived in the Comox Valley on November 2, it was proudly carried by Courtenay Rotary Club Member Bent Harder, nominated as Community Torchbearer to light the official celebration cauldron for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic torch relay.

Harder, age 83, is truly an individual who exemplifies the Olympic spirit. He has been actively involved in leadership roles in the Comox Valley figure skating club and the Comox Valley Marine Rescue Society. He volunteered at the IPC World Cup events at Mt. Washington in 2007 and 2009, at the Canadian Snowboard Federation at Cypress Mountain in 2007 and 2008 and was a torch bearer in the 1981 BC Summer Games. He has been on six medical missions to various countries with Rotoplast International, tasked with repairing cleft lips/ palates for underprivileged children.

The active Rotarian, who started running at the age of 44, has competed in 24 marathons and is a past president and co-founder of the Comox Valley Running Club. He took up sky diving at the age of 80 and continues with recreational touring bicycling today. He has always been very supportive of children in sports and recently represented his community as a volunteer observer at the Beijing Olympics.

2010 District Leadership Training Assembly



February 20 - 21, 2010

Port Angeles, Washington



Designed to Help You Navigate Through the Who, What, Where, When and How of Club Leadership

WHAT is the DLTA and WHO Should Attend?

The DLTA provides informative workshops and training sessions for current and incoming club officers and committee chairs. However, all Rotarians are welcome regardless of whether or not they hold one of these positions. While training better Rotary leaders is the central purpose of the DLTA, this event is also designed to promote Rotary friendship and fellowship.

WHERE and WHEN is the DLTA Held?

District Governor Elect Bob Martin and the District Training Committee look forward to welcoming you and your guests to Port Angeles February 20-21, 2010. Located on Washington's beautiful Olympic Peninsula, Port Angeles offers a convenient central destination for training and relaxation.

This year's assembly will be held at two venues in Port Angeles, the Red Lion Hotel and the Elks Club. These sites are located within easy walking distance of each other and the Coho ferry terminal. Check-in, on-site registration, and event hospitality will be headquartered at the Red Lion. Registrants will receive information concerning specific class locations at check-in.

HOW Do Rotarians Register?

Go to the District website at www.rotary5020.org and click on the link to the District Assembly on the left side of the page. The site contains all of the information that you need to plan your weekend. Also, be sure to check back to the site prior to the event since additional information that may be helpful to attendees and guests will be posted as it becomes available.

Still Can't Find Answers to Your Questions?

Contact any of the following committee members for questions related to:

Class Offerings: Norm Watts, District Trainer, mnwatts@shaw.ca

Registration: Rob Onnen, DLTA Registrar, robonnen1031@olympen.com

Financial Matters: Paula Cunningham, DLTA Treasurer, classicdesign@olympus.net

Lodging and Dining: Consuelo White, DLTA Hotel/Restaurant Liaison, chelo_white@yahoo.com

General Event Matters: Chris Koenig, DLTA Chair, DLTAPA2010@olympen.com

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Marnee and I have made 70 “official” club visits and we’ve had the opportunity to meet with many club Boards. We have also joined clubs for several social events and enjoyed the fellowship and fun immensely!

Most recently we attended a special night of fun with the Rotary Club of Gig Harbor as they celebrated 35 years of service! We are continually amazed by the energy of each club; the wonderful projects and programs they support; the fun and fellowship; and the dedication of the members! The Rotary Club of Poulsbo-North Kitsap sums it up best: “ROTARY ROCKS!”

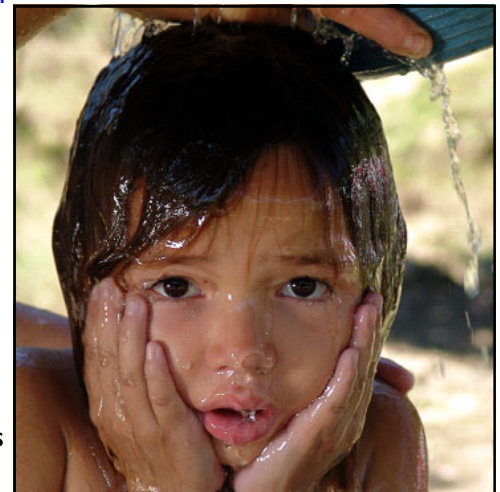
HAVE FUN! — **Alex**

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Rotary Water Project Initiatives Save Lives

Water is essential to human life, yet many people take it for granted. Today, 1.1 billion people – nearly 20 percent of the world’s population – lack access to safe, clean drinking water, and 2.6 billion live without basic sanitation facilities. Contaminated water and inadequate sanitation exacerbate the spread of preventable waterborne illnesses, resulting in the deaths of about 6,000 people every day, the majority of whom are children. Moreover, these problems are leading contributors to worldwide poverty and social instability.

- More than 5,000 children around the world die every day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water and a lack of sanitation facilities.
- More than 125 million children under age five live in households without access to a clean water source, and more than 280 million lack adequate sanitation facilities.
- Women and children in developing countries often spend as many as six hours each day traveling to retrieve water for their families, a task that adversely affects their health and prevents them from pursuing an education.



The Water Resource Group has been appointed to support Rotary’s efforts to address this important global issue. Besides providing information to Rotary clubs and districts, it urges every Rotarian to become aware of water-related issues and participate in a water or sanitation project. The group also works to identify, facilitate, and develop guidelines for major Rotary water and sanitation efforts around the world.

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Contact District 5020 Water Resource Group coordinator Arvind Phukan (Rotary Club of Tacoma #8) at arvindak@aol.com for guidance on how your club can get involved in a water project.