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**February is
WORLD
UNDERSTANDING
Month**



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WORLD UNDERSTANDING MEANS OUTREACH

February Focus is World Understanding

This is a perfect time to remind ourselves how fortunate and truly blessed we are; to remember all the ways our clubs are helping so many people in developing countries; to know there are other opportunities to serve just waiting to be discovered; to celebrate how far we have come in eradicating Polio from the world and remember we're not quite there!

Mother Nature has a loud and resounding alarm clock that can go off at anytime, anywhere in the world. It wakes us up with it suddenness and with devastating results! It shows us that we are all vulnerable but more so are the millions of people living in developing countries where building codes, alarm systems, clean water and sanitation do not even come close to that which we enjoy.

Such was the enormous 7.0 earthquake that struck and shattered the buildings, and lives of the people of Haiti! The world is getting a firsthand look at the massive devastation and destruction of this tiny country. People from around the world are reaching out to help the Haitian survivors, providing medical aid; rescue teams; food, water and shelter. It will take many years to rebuild that which was lost and many years before the Haitian people recover emotionally and economically from this disaster.

The outpouring of help from Rotarians in our District has been outstanding! Having met so many of you when Marnee and I made our club visits, we are not surprised at your immediate response and your immense generosity to this tragedy. I would like to share just a few of the fantastic things the clubs have done:

President Dee Ebsen's Clover Park (Lakewood) club raised \$1,000 during their meeting to purchase a ShelterBox! The Longview club, under President Jim Elliott, purchased an additional 3 ShelterBoxes! President Dag Waddell's Duncan club raised enough funds during a recent lunch meeting to purchase 10 more ShelterBoxes! Victoria-Harbourside, President Dennis Sutton presiding, members raised \$9,000 one morning. Added to the \$2,000 raised by Tom Martin Sr., \$1000 by the President and \$2,000 from the club they are purchasing 14 ShelterBoxes! The mother of a member in Gig Harbor had previously purchased her first ShelterBox two years ago and a second last year. Upon hearing the news of the tragedy in Haiti she sent a check for \$5,000.00 to purchase 5 more! You don't have to be a Rotarian to purchase

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Part three of the four-part series on membership

Getting Back to Basics: A Plan For Membership Development

Getting to Know Rotary International

By John Bardsley, District Membership Chairperson

In order to function effectively as a Rotary Club, the members should know and understand what Rotary International stands for, how it functions, and what it desires to accomplish. In other words, we need to know the organization within which we function so that we can reasonably represent it in an appropriate fashion, further its goals, and utilize the resources which it makes available. Therefore, it is desirable that all members know RI's: history and purpose; principles, philosophies, and beliefs; vision, goals and objectives; organization and structure; policies and procedures; and programs and projects. The same pertains to the Zone and District within which the Club functions.

Here are some suggestions on how to proceed:

- Make the annual Governor's visit a "Be sure to be there" special celebratory meeting.
- Invite the Area Assistant Governor to update the Club periodically on District happenings.
- Have a "Rotary Moment" at each meeting.
- Have meetings, or special events such as Fireside Chats, devoted to learning about Rotary.
- Have Rotarians from other Clubs address the Club on initiatives of note.
- Have District Officers give presentations to the Club on their areas of responsibility.
- Have local members of Interact and Rotaract give presentations to the Club.
- Have students returning from RYLA, Adventures in Citizenship, and Adventures in Technology, Youth Exchange, and like programs share their experiences with the Club.
- Encourage members to read Rotary literature.
- Entertain the idea of having a Rotary Library from which Club members can borrow.
- Encourage members to learn how to access the Club, RI and District web sites; local seminars may be necessary.
- Members should be encouraged to attend Rotary educational sessions such as the District Leadership Training Assembly (DLTA), District Assemblies, District Committee Meetings, Training Seminars and both District and RI Conferences.

Each Club should establish an Educational Program for prospective members, and a Mentor Program for new ones.





PDG Norm Watts,
District Trainer

OUR ROTARY WORLD

Check out these articles in the *February Issue of the Rotarian*:

- A day in the life of Rotary looks at a mosaic of service and fun in clubs around the world engaged in Service above Self.
- Read about a scholarship winner now enjoying a literary career.
- Rotarian Beatrice Brown Rivers signed a petition that helped end legal segregation in U.S. Schools. Read her story.
- Small change is saving lives from preventable disease.
 - After reading an op-ed column in the *New York Times* about neglected tropical diseases, Dennis Wong started bringing a coffee can to meetings of the Rotary Club of Westport Sunrise, Conn. "The editorial was about all these diseases with names that I can't pronounce," he says. "And it said that for pennies, people could be treated or cured of them for a whole year." Wong decided to ask his fellow Rotarians for their loose change every week. Other clubs have adopted this idea. The Global Network, in a campaign called Just 50 Cents, is highlighting the cost of treating one person for one year against the seven most common neglected tropical diseases.



"People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within."

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, Swiss psychiatrist, author (1926-2004)



Comox Rotarians Promote ShelterBox and Raise Funds for Haitian Relief

Rotarians from the Comox club created lots of interest among the visitors to their display of a Rotary ShelterBox tent in the Comox Centre Mall on Saturday. The display was erected to bring the community's attention to the need for shelter for the thousands of Haitians who lost everything in the January earthquake that leveled most of the country's homes, buildings and hospitals. \$8000 was donated by the Comox Valley shoppers who stopped to learn about the project on one weekend.

So far, thousands of ShelterBoxes have been delivered to Haiti and people are now living in the ten-person tents the boxes contain and making use of the blankets, stove, pots, pans, plates and tools contained in the box. The goal is to provide 10,000 boxes, which will give shelter for up to 100,000 homeless Haitians.

Begun by British Rotarian, Tom Henderson ten years ago, the ShelterBox program has become the largest global Rotary Club project in the history of Rotary. The first boxes were delivered in January 2001 to victims of an earthquake

in Gujarat State in India and have been shipped to victims of virtually every major disaster in every corner of the world since that time.

For more information or to donate, please go to: www.shelterbox.ca.

District 5020 Clubs in Action

Bremerton Rotary Club

Wild Game Dinner

5pm

Saturday, February 20

Kitsap Golf and Country Club

Contact Steve Rice for tickets

(360) 377-8773



An annual event since 1985, The Wild Game Dinner features a silent auction during the social hour and live auction after dinner.

This is the club's annual fundraiser. Tickets are available for \$50 per person.

Cumberland Honors Humanitarian

The Rotary Club of Cumberland Centennial honored a fellow Rotarian, Chantal Stefan, by naming her a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of her creation of the organization: Everybody Deserves A Smile (EDAS).

In December, Stefan organized groups of volunteers to create and fill hand-painted gift bags with warm items of clothing, personal grooming items, homemade cookies and a hand-crafted greeting card, which were distributed to organizations in the Comox Valley, Nanaimo and Victoria. 650 bags were created and distributed to the homeless and disadvantaged in the communities.

Stefan became a Paul Harris Fellow with a contribution in her name of \$1000US to the Rotary International Foundation.



GIG HARBOR CLUBS HOST "STAR OF THE YEAR" AWARDS

The Rotary clubs of Gig Harbor, Gig Harbor Mid-Day and Gig Harbor North merged for lunch at Kensington Gardens on January 26 to present three outstanding local citizens with community service awards. DG Alex (R) looks on as recipients Bill Mumford of Border's Books (Business Person of the Year, from Mid-Day), Steve Lynn of Water To Wine (Citizen of the Year, GH Morning) and Wally Haugaard of Key Peninsula LC Food Bank (Service Above Self Award, from North) receive their awards.

The "Star of the Year" ceremony is one of several instances where the three clubs have worked together. They recently raised nearly \$2000 for Shelter Boxes for Haiti and they all participated in the "Courage Classic" last August.

Gig Harbor North was chartered last year and quickly filled a need for a late afternoon club to complement the already existing morning and noon clubs.

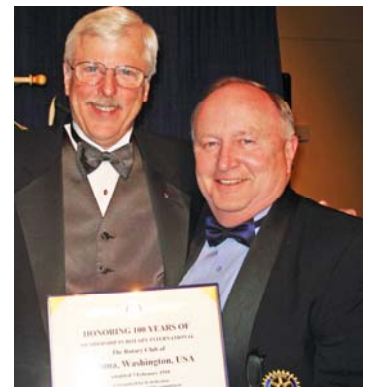


Past President Kathleen Olson with Keynote Speaker Rich Stearns, President of World Vision U.S.

Tacoma 8 Centennial Celebration Features Gourmet Dinner, History Video, Speakers and Dancing



Ethiopian Water Project participants Dave Weaver, Arvind Phukan, Nita Sell, Fred Moisio and Ezra Toshome are acknowledged at the Centennial Gala.



RI Director John Blount presents President Fred Moisio with a plaque commemorating the 100th Birthday of Rotary Club of Tacoma # 8 at their Centennial Gala January 30th.



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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a ShelterBox — so tell your friends and family members!

The Shelton Club President John Eaton, was able to procure 76 hospital beds and 400 hundred mattresses. He was then able to find an additional 600 beds and access to several hundred wheelchairs. John is in Fort Lauderdale meeting with Rotarians to help get the items to Port Everglades to be shipped to Haiti!

This is just a small example of your continuing generosity to the people of the world and there are many more examples in our District if I had the time to collect all the data.

I am proud to be the Governor of this District; I am proud of all you do; but more importantly you should be proud of yourselves and all *you* do to promote World Understanding!

Keep up the good works of Rotary!

HAVE FUN!

Alex



Apply for Governor's Award for New Club Service Project

DG Alex Alexander consistently challenges club members to "Have Fun." Also challenges all Clubs in 5020 to be innovative, to achieve and to Fulfill Dreams.

- Did you execute an innovative project, something new for your Club?
- Are you pleased with the benefits from your new project?
- Is this a fund raising or service project that your Club is proud to have completed?

DG Alex will present the Governor's Award at the June District Conference to the Club that conceives and executes a new service project or new fund raising project this year. While the idea may come from others and may have been under consideration for some time, *it is required that the project be new for your Club and be started and completed by May 1, 2010.* Projects will be judged based upon this criteria:

- Brief discussion as to where the idea originated and the innovativeness
- Number of Club members who participated
- Estimated number of hours spent by those members on this project
- The benefits / impacts form the completion of this project

No complicated document or form is needed, any Club can submit their candidate project by supplying the information noted above to Larry McGee of the Twin Cities Rotary who has agreed to help Alex with the 2009-2010 Governor's Award.

Submissions should be e-mailed to Larry at lsm152@yahoo.com Call 360-269-5180 to confirm receipt of your e-mail Submission.

