

## District Governor 2009-2010

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**FAREWELL ISSUE!**

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FELLOWSHIP  
Month**



# Rotary International District 5020 News



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## Commitment to Ideals of Rotary Strengthens Clubs

### June is Fellowship Month!

The celebration of Fellowship should not be limited to just one month of the year! We should all remember Fellowship was one of the main reasons Rotary was founded and we should strive to include some event when the opportunity arises! Although not every member can attend each event, Marnee and I discovered during our club visits, that many clubs have monthly or weekly events to enjoy fellowship! If your club isn't enjoying as much Fellowship as they could I hope you'll take the opportunity to create more possibilities to do so!

I would like to acknowledge some outstanding members of the team:

- DLTA Chair **Judy Byron** and DLTA Committee for the outstanding job they did pulling everything together for the most highly attended DLTA in seven years.
- PDG **Brian Beagle**, for assembling the District requirements for Future Vision, making club and DLTA presentations, holding seminars for training all interested clubs on the Pilot Program, and for taking a 3-year position as District Foundation Chair.
- **Charlie Averill** and **Roger Merrifield**, District Matching Grants Chair and District Simplified Grants Chair respectively, who processed all the Grant Applications made adjustments to help projects get funded when RI funds ran out, and for helping Brian Beagle during all the training sessions
- PDG **Norm Watts** for organizing the District Training for DLTA and PETS, and contributing an article to the District Newsletter each month.
- Literacy Chair **Jacqueline Russell** for the District Digest and contributions to the District Newsletter.
- Newsletter Editor **Kathleen Olson** for doing a fabulous job throughout the year!
- District Conference Committee Chair **Bob Shaw**, Sub-Chairs, and all the Conference Committee members, for their months and months of planning, preparations, and for their commitment to give us a grand Conference Celebration!

All of these folks have my admiration and heartfelt thanks for their commitment to District 5020!

Two other Rotarians deserve acknowledgement: **Maureen Fritz-Roberts** and AG **Dale Roberts** latched onto Club Visioning and ran with it. Maureen and Dale used their air miles to fly instructors to our District to train our trainers!

Also, I extend thanks to President **Cathy Power**, Nanaimo Oceanside, Vision Coordinator for the Canadian Clubs and President **Ray Sanders**, Gig Harbor Mid-Day, Vision Coordinator for the WA clubs!

To everyone on the District Council and District Leadership Team: Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Your dedication, hard work, and commitment to the Ideals of Rotary makes our clubs and District strong leaders in the Rotary World!

**To all the Rotary Clubs and Rotarians in this District: THANK YOU, for ALL you do to make this a better world to live in!**

HAVE FUN!

*Alex*

## District 5020 Club News



Members of the **Chimicum High School Interact Club**, sponsored by **East Jefferson Rotary**, presented ShelterBox Rep Jim Pickett with a "check" for \$2000, representing the money the students raised through a car wash and other activities to fund the purchase of two ShelterBoxes. The club sponsored a Shelterbox prevention at the high school. This was only one of several activities this very active club accomplished during the 2009-10 school year.

### Puyallup Club Recognizes Vocational Leaders

Four community leaders were recognized at a luncheon May 12 by the **Puyallup South Hill Rotary Club** for their contributions to the community through their vocation. The recipients of the 2010 Community Vocational Service Award were:

- Business – Dr. Steven Urback, Puyallup Valley Dental Care
- Education – Jon Cerio, Rogers High School
- Government – Gary Geddes, Metro Parks Tacoma
- Non-Profit – Amy Schweim, Immanuel Lutheran Church

The Community Vocational Service Award program was established in 2005 by the Puyallup South Hill Rotary Club in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rotary International. Awards are given to community leaders who exhibit excellence in their vocational field, contribute to their community and their field of service, and enhance the image of their vocation. All recipients are non-Rotarians.

### Pirate Booty Funds Community Services

The **Parkland Spanaway Rotary Club** presented the first annual "Surrender the Booty Bash" in April. With the help of the Seafair Pirates, the Parkland Spanaway Rotary Club was able to net \$52,000 for a variety of community services provided by area non profits. The highlight of the evening was seeing District Governor, Alex Alexander "Walking the Plank" for Polio Plus. Governor Alex was enjoying his dinner, when the Pirates of Seafair arrested him at his table, and placed him in "The Brig". Guests were challenged to raise the paddle for Polio Plus, and if the club met its goal, Governor Alex would walk the plank. More than \$5,800 was raised and Alex was soaked. The club has already announced "Surrender the Booty Bash 2" on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**Cumberland** Rotarian, Deb Nolan, presented a cheque for \$500 to Alinda Ware of the Rotary Club of Kakamega, Kenya to be used to pay for the schooling of a young Kenyan for one year. Ware has worked many years since her retirement as an active educator to help Kenyans advance their education.



Alan de Jersey, President-Elect of the **Rotary Club of Cumberland Centennial** presented an automated electronic defibrillator (AED) to Brent Aitken, Candice Baker and President Rod May of the Comox Valley Curling Club last month.

"This instrument is greatly needed at our facility to provide a valuable tool in the event someone experiences cardiac distress," Rod May commented.

This is the tenth AED the club has provided to various community groups over the past four years.



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 June 2010 issue of The Rotarian ...

You likely have noticed the informative regular feature entitled: "World Roundup".

- What interesting RYLA program has been introduced in Turkey?
- What service project was brought to Tanzania by members of the Rotary Club of Mirfield, England?
- What is the well-funded project undertaken by Taiwan's seven Rotary districts?

In the "Digital Divide" the term "literacy" takes on a broader meaning.

- What is now part of literacy that has altered the scope of the term?
- From what we know about "kids today" how may Rotarians be involved?

In "The Rise and Fall of Poliomyelitis" much is learned about the polio eradication challenge.

- When did the Americas become free of polio?
- Where does polio persist in the countries of the world?
- What are some positive signs which illustrate that polio can be beaten?

In the "Presidential Postcard: John Kenny looks back at this Rotary year.

- What were this RI President's three main emphases?
- What more than money can we Rotarians give to others?

In a "Snapshot of Rotary History"...

- Have you discovered how Group Study Exchange (GSE) began?



### 5020 REPRESENTED AT PORTLAND CENTENNIAL

The Rotary Club of Portland, which is number 15 in the Rotary world, celebrated its Centennial on May 25.

Four members of Tacoma #8, representing both the club and the district, were in attendance (PDG Jim and Enid Harris, PP Jim Henderson, and AG Pete Taylor, shown left with RI president John Kenny).

Tacoma 8 celebrated its Centennial with a dinner on January 30. During the research for a forthcoming book, it was learned that Tacoma was a co-sponsor of the Portland club along with Seattle. Some 170 members from both clubs had attended Portland's chartering ceremonies in 1910, taking the train for the trip.

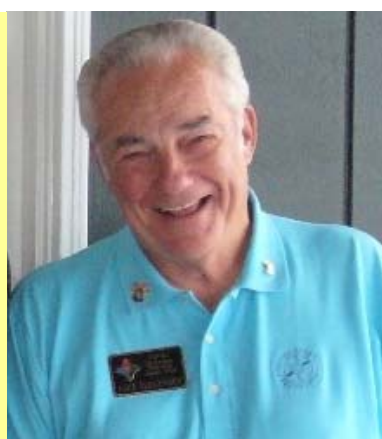
**"A positive attitude may not solve all your problems,  
but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort."**

— Herm Albright

# Parting Shots: Glimpses of the Year with the 5020 District Governor Alex Alexander 2009-2010



*Advice from  
District Governor  
Alex:  
  
Have Fun!*



Harold "Alex" Alexander joined Longview Rotary Club in 1985, and served as President in 94-95. He chaired several club committees.

Before his term as our Governor, he served as Assistant Governor, Area 10, 2000-01 & 03-05. Gov. Alex is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Bequest Society & Benefactors member along with his wife, Marnee, who joined Rotary in 2002.

