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# DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD



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*UNITE - It is all about serving*

*Highlighting inspirational news and successes to UNITE Rotarians with a common mission within District 5020.*

*Caleb Summerfelt*  
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 Rotary of Kingston North Kitsap  
**UD5020 EDITOR**



#### ON THE COVER

*As District Governor Mo nears completion of visiting all clubs in District 5020, her energy, excitement, and enthusiasm about Rotary energizes and engages everyone who truly listens to her message. She truly is "Doing Good in the World"!*

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# AND TO THINK I SAW IT IN DISTRICT 5020

BY MO MAUREEN FRITZ-ROBERTS



Mo Maureen Fritz-Roberts

To misquote Dr. Suess:

*They do good both here and there*

*Rotarians are everywhere*

*They'll let you take your dog out for a walk*

*They'll give your kids prizes for their talk*

*They'll sell your junk to raise money*

*Or race silly boats and that's funny*

*Rotarians will park your car*

*Rotarians will work your bar*

*Rotarians are all above par*

*Servant leaders is what they are*

*They do good both here and there*

*Rotarians are everywhere*

I have now had the privilege of visiting almost all of the Rotary clubs in District 5020 and have seen the incredible difference those clubs are making in the world and in their communities.

It has been an honour and it has been the most joyful part of being District Governor.

So how can we share that joy?

One of the most amazing things that has happened during our travels these past few months is the number of clubs who have connected at joint meetings.

I have been attempting to reduce the number of club visits required of a District Governor in the hopes that we can make this job attractive to a younger group of Rotarians. Clubs have been very helpful in scheduling joint meetings.

It has been really exciting to hear comments from those joint meetings like, “We should do more events together”, “I had no idea that your club was involved in that project and I’d like to help”, and “I have so enjoyed meeting all these Rotarians.”

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Clubs are connecting to make a difference in other ways:

They are collaborating with each other. For instance, almost all of the clubs in the middle of Vancouver Island have joined together to create the Mid Island Group. This exciting band of dedicated Rotary Clubs are finding ways to work together on international projects. This gives all of them a chance to share their successes and challenges and they are learning from each other. It also gives clubs, who don't have a project of their own, the opportunity to support those who do. Clubs know what the others are doing, so they can band together to make a larger impact.

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They are collaborating with their communities. The Rotary Club of Woodland, the most southerly of our clubs and with only 39 members, for instance, is constructing an \$18,000,000 park with the blessing and assistance of their municipality and the state.

They are collaborating with their communities and with each other at the same time. The combined clubs of Pierce County initiated



and have been supporting the Courage Classic since its inception. I was thrilled to be there when they were honoured by the Mary Bridge Children's Hospital for the excess of \$10,000,000 that has been raised by this bike ride since 1992 for the benefit of the Child Abuse Intervention Department.

Those are only three examples of the extraordinary work that is being done by ordinary Rotarians in District 5020.

Every single club has demonstrated an incredible commitment to Service Above Self and to having fun.

We have been travelling with our dog, Molly, so we have tried to set up in a central spot in each area to give her a home-like setting while we have visited clubs and projects and fundraisers. As a result, we have had a good chance to connect with communities that we might not have got to know otherwise.

We stayed for three weeks in Gig Harbor, which meant that we were able to experience

the Galloping Gertie half marathon, which is a fundraiser for the Gig Harbor North club. They are a tiny but powerful bunch. The work they are doing in the Key Peninsula for literacy and health is truly amazing.

Molly was impressed that we had the opportunity to attend the Puyallup South Hill “Hounds on the Hill” fundraiser. It was fun, it raised money and people did something they enjoy- take the dog for a walk.

We also found places to stay, for various durations, in

Port McNeill, Nanaimo, Victoria, Sequim, Westport, Poulsbo and Grand Mound. Most Rotarians don’t get the opportunity to experience our entire district like we did.

How many Rotarians have experienced the Norwegian experience in Poulsbo? You should go. And what about Westport? What a beach! How come they don’t have a Rotary club?

Speaking of which, kudos to the new Crossroads club in Poulsbo. There is an energetic bunch! Meeting in a brewery. Making a difference. Letting us bring our dog to the meeting.


And what about the soon to be chartered club of Graham Fredrickson Eatonville? Charter night is January 25, but they are rocking it already. Are there any other communities in our district that don’t have a club? Why not?

Maybe there are communities that have a club but could use another. Kingston North Kitsap is finding a good response to having a satellite club. A satellite certainly works to bring enthusiastic people into Rotary

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who can't fit into the host club's schedule or time slot.

The Rotary Club of Comox Valley is proof that if you give millennials the opportunity, they will embrace Rotary. Just because a community of 65,000 already has four thriving clubs with 225 Rotarians, doesn't mean there isn't room for 50 non-Rotarians to start another.

Uclulet is proving that no community is too small for a Rotary Club. 40 Rotarians out of a year-round population of around 800? Why not? If the need is there, Rotary should fill it.

Not every Rotarian is granted the opportunity to be District Governor, but you can experience Rotary on a bigger stage.

Our District 5020 Training Conference is being held in Victoria on May 15 and 16, 2020. Last year we had to cut off registration early because of lack of space for training. This year we are in the Victoria Conference Centre, which has more rooms and larger spaces, so there will be a spot for every Rotarian who wants to attend. The event is going to take place on the Friday and the Saturday of what

is, in Canada, a long weekend.

You are definitely going to want to be there for both Friday and Saturday nights, but you have the option of adding Thursday night. That allows you to sign up for home hospitality, when Victoria Rotarians open up their homes to visitors. You can also catch the optional training on Friday morning before the event officially gets underway at 10:30.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Rotarians in our district, from Port Hardy to Woodland, who have been so welcoming.

You should have seen the party that the Rotary Clubs of Area 10 put on when all five clubs met for a joint meeting.

Clubs were so gracious in showing us a good time and introducing us to their projects. Thank you to the Poulsbo club for letting us help with the cemetery cleanup and Tacoma 8 for allowing us to help fill backpacks.

District 5020 Rotarians are the best. I'm looking forward to seeing you more during this Rotary year and continuing to share the joy.







1,000,000 likes

# #DOGISGOOD



*Mark Daniel Maloney*

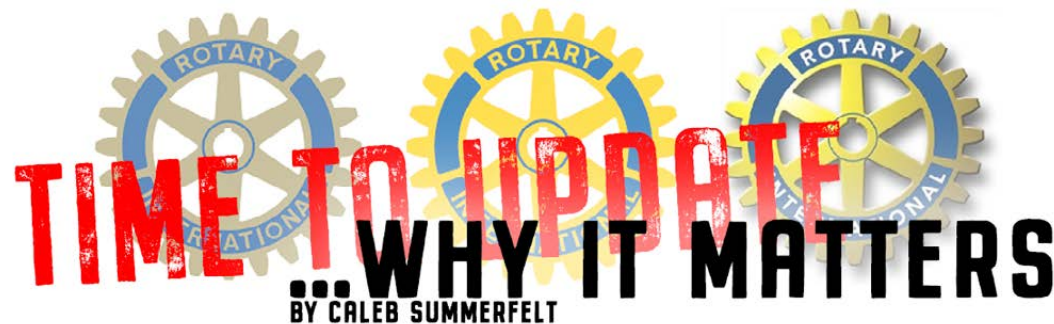
This event is a wonderful opportunity to see how *Rotary Connects the World*, helping us come together and share thoughts on how to make Rotary service more impactful and our member experience more engaging.

*Mark Daniel Maloney*  
*President, Rotary International 2019-2020*



**REGISTRATION WILL OPEN  
FEBRUARY 15TH 2020**

**DISTRICT TRAINING & CONFERENCE  
UNITING DISTRICT 5020**  
MAY 15 | 16 2020 VICTORIA, BC



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**IT’S TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR  
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Rotarians have been creating change for more than a century, in communities around the globe, but even now, people don’t fully understand what Rotary is about, how we are distinctive, and why engaging with us means success. To thrive, Rotary needs a strong visual identity that is followed and appreciated. Every Rotarian’s experience is unique, but the story we tell of Rotary should always be consistent.

It’s time to celebrate our new look and feel, and you can help build and maintain Rotary’s identity.

Several years ago, Rotary updated its logo, the power of the Rotary wheel is in its consistency, and when an organization does update a logo, it is critical that everyone follows the guidelines to keep the focus on consistency. Globally, you will find the Rotary wheel proudly displayed in parks and on sponsored projects, to name a few locations. With over 33,000 clubs worldwide, not a single club is alike, but the Rotary wheel signals what we represent, people coming together to move our communities forward, the message is evident, and it is the same everywhere.

With inconsistent branding, it weakens the power of branding and brings confusion to the

unity of Rotary. Is it time to update logos? Yes, please!

Why is Rotary focused on its public image? Two million nonprofits worldwide compete for volunteers, donor money, and critical other resources to make positive change. Rotary has an amazing story to share with the world, but we need to keep it concise and consistent. Research has taught Rotary better ways to frame their strengths and how to bring the core values to life.

By providing a clean and consistent image of what Rotary represents and how we are different from other charitable organizations, Specifically, what Rotary offers prospective members, donors, and volunteers is a powerful vision of what it means to engage with Rotary, and Rotarians alike.

On a local branding level, do the people in your community know about Rotary and what your club does locally and globally?

Internationally, 40% of the public has never heard of Rotary, while another 40% percent claim they don’t know anything about Rotary. This means, internationally, that the public doesn’t understand what our clubs are achieving



in our community. More people need to know that together, we are tackling community and global challenges. With this current lack of understanding, this makes it harder to attract and inspire new members, prospective donors, and volunteers.

The first minor step in the process of educating the public about the Rotary is to keep all club logos inline with what Rotary International has requested. Why does the logo matter so much? Simple, when the public sees several types of logos, they get the interpretation that the clubs are all complete stand-alone entities. While each club is unique and powerful, while working together, Rotary can take on and solve global problems. We need to keep all public image details in sync with what Rotary is asking.

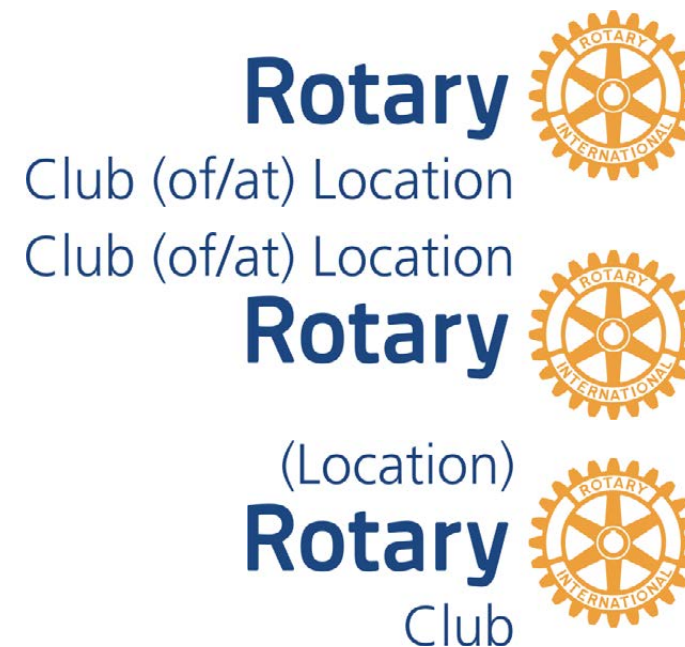
As another real-world example, let's look at Nike. Everyone knows Nike, and you also know that if you aren't careful, you can easily buy fake Nike products. It isn't hard to go online and find fraudulent products for this company. The key to spotting the fakes is looking at the logo. The Nike logo has gone through several iterations, and even today, some stores are still displaying old logos, and for most consumers, they become cautious and avoid the store, unless they are looking for one fantastic deal!

The Rotary logo is the same way; we need to build reputability by focusing on displaying the same logo, starting on the club level. All internal club material, material seen by the public needs to change, as we focus on the challenges of changing logos, we know that the goals are the same; building the reputation, reliability, and power of Rotary International. Each club is a part of Rotary International, we aren't independent franchises, we have the same core values, have the same ethical approach to problems, our public image needs to match globally.

We are Rotary, are you? Is your logo updated?

The approved Rotary club signature (pictured to the right) consists of the masterbrand signature plus the club name and should be used instead of the masterbrand signature on club-level communications. The preferred configuration is Rotary Club [of/at] [Location], with the word Rotary coming first. Two acceptable alternatives have been provided to cover variations of club names. The positioning and size relationship between the Rotary wordmark and the wheel are fixed and should not be altered.

Spread the word in your community. Find the needed tool at [www.rotary.org/brandcenter](http://www.rotary.org/brandcenter)



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*If you need help, please ask, the District Public Image Team is here to help you!*

# THE FUTURE OF UD5020

BY CALEB SUMMERFELT

Currently, only 16% of District 5020 is reading Unit District 5020, this magazine was created to help foster creativity within our District.

“Highlighting inspirational news and successes to UNITE Rotarians with a common mission within District 5020.”

It is a way for Rotarians to share exciting news and success stories while helping others to find possibilities for activities, and fundraisers for their clubs.

We are sharing concepts, not stealing from each other. It is exciting to share successes, and to read details.

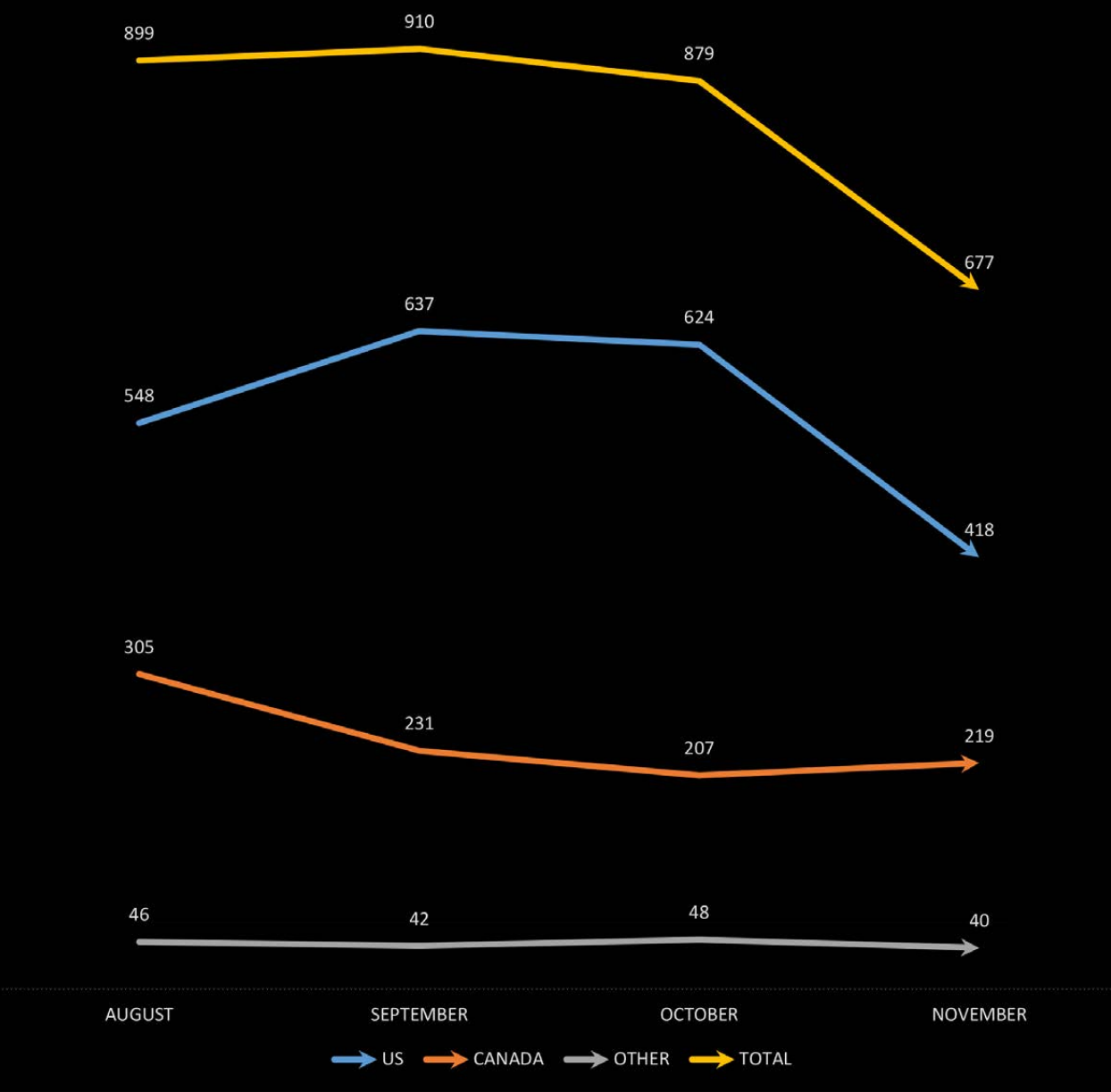
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As Rotarians, we help each other, our communities, and our global communities. No words can describe how grateful I am to the Rotarians who faithfully submit content, and eagerly read the magazine. Thank you!

The graph on the following page shows the four issues that have been created so far this Rotary year, and how many people are opening the magazine. The November issue, as you can see, has been the lowest readership. It is extremely, concerning, and disheartening looking at this graph.

Please tell your Rotary family and friends about the magazine.

Please, help create a dedicated following. Four thousand Rotarians in our District don’t know about the magazine, or know about it, and don’t read it (based off of recent emails, I think this is more accurate).





# FIVE WAYS TO GROW FRIENDSHIP THROUGH ROTARY

BY DALE ROBERTS

In every survey about why Rotarians love Rotary and why Rotarians continue to be members, one of the top reasons (and often the number one reason) is fellowship.

Being a Rotarian likely means that your closest and dearest friends are or are going to become Rotarians. Why? You are among people with the same world view. No matter what the religion, the politics, the race, the age or the sex, these are all people who share a culture of service above self and the four-way test. These are your people.

So how do you befriend these people? What if you are a new Rotarian, or new to a particular club, or an existing Rotarian and you want to expand your circle of friends? Here are five ways to

grow your friendship in Rotary that you might consider:

1. Introduce yourself. If your club has a greeter, volunteer to be the greeter. If you can't be the greeter, stand beside them and help welcome everyone. Get around and let people know who you are. Sit with a different group at each meeting. Ask open ended questions about the Rotarians you meet. Invite people for coffee.
2. Participate. Go to the meetings. Sign up for the work parties. Volunteer for committees. Let your name stand for positions in the club.
3. Get involved in organizing social activities within your club. Every Rotary club is unique, and some

clubs have more social events than others. If your club has a vibrant committee, volunteer. If your club doesn't do a lot of social events, volunteer. Investigate ways to involve Rotarians in a social setting, such as "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner", pub crawl, Christmas party, family picnic, car rally or games night.

4. Meet Rotarians outside of your club. Any Rotarian is welcome as a guest at any Rotary club, anywhere in the world. Attend the District training and conference. Volunteer for a role in committees in the District. There are always spots for more helping hands for District Training, Conference, Youth Programs, Literacy, Public Image, Membership,

Foundation and much more. Attend an International convention.

5. Join a Fellowship or Action Group. Align yourself with a group of fellow Rotarians who have the same interests. There are over 80 Fellowships (and growing) with focus on everything from vocation, to Rotary, to activities. Rotarians get together to share their love of their favorite beverage, hobby, interest or sport. Rotarians also share a desire to solve problems in the world through Action Groups. There are currently over 25 action groups dealing with concerns ranging from disease prevention, to the environment, to clean water to literacy. To see the full list, just Google "Rotary Action Groups" or "Rotary Fellowships".



# DISTRICT 5020 'FOUNDATION' CELEBRATION!

BY CRAIG GILLIS

## ***Thank You District 5020 Rotarians!***

November is always a particularly meaningful month in the life of Rotarians: a Celebration of 'The Rotary Foundation'. Yet, it takes little time to recognize that as Rotarians throughout the year we often devote much of our energy to supporting our Annual Fund, the Endowment Fund, and Polio Plus through club fundraising efforts and through individual contributions.

District Governor Mo and Foundation Chair, Howard Svigals and his team, are off to a great start as clubs throughout our district have committed to creating opportunities through Foundation giving.

We have just recently received official results of our Foundation efforts for the 2018-2019 Rotary year..... so I want to pause to acknowledge the efforts that resulted in many impressive club and district accomplishments. Congratulations to Rotarians in Rotary District 5020 for impressive efforts to eradicate polio, for generous contributions to *The Rotary Foundation*, and for continuing to *GROW* our membership.

Assistant Governors will honour recipients during their visits to your clubs.

## **ACCOLADES: ZONE 25 AWARDS**

**District 5020** received several awards presented at Zone Institute in Denver, Colorado in September. Our district was recognized as a Zone 25 (now Zone 27!) leader. The following Awards were given based on accomplishments of our District after reviewing the achievements of the 10 districts in our Zone). ***For those who like numbers the results follow:***

- **#1-- Total Foundation Contributions:**  
\$1,198,753.00
- **#1-- Annual Fund:**  
\$ 778, 782.00
- **#1-- Polio Plus Contributions:**  
\$236,700.00
- **#1-- Other Giving:**  
\$88 875.00
- **#2-- Rotary Direct Members:**  
391
- **#2-- Participation in Global Grants:**  
56%

- **#2-- Membership and Public Image/Brand: Greatest Use of People of Action Assets**
- **#2 (tie) --Membership--- Sustained Club Net Growth Over Years**

## **CLUB AWARDS ---- DISTRICT 5020**

### **BANNER RECOGNITION**

(These banners are awarded by Rotary International)

### **Top 3 Clubs: Per Capita Annual Fund Giving for 2018-2019**

1. Lacey (\$622.17)
2. Gateway-Thurston (\$491.14)
3. Oak Bay (\$406.15)

### **Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) (7)**

(Qualification: *Each Rotary club member contributes at least \$25 U.S.; club contributes at least an average of \$100 U.S. to the Annual Fund*)

Duncan Daybreak  
Gig Harbor Middyay  
Hawks Prairie-Lacey  
Lacey  
North Mason County  
Parksville A.M.,  
South Puget Sound - Olympia

### **100% TRF Giving (10)**

(Qualification: *Each club member contributes at least \$25 U.S.; club contributes an average of \$100 U.S. to a combination of the Annual Fund AND Polio Plus*)

Duncan Daybreak  
Gig Harbor Middyay  
Hawks Praire-Lacey  
Lacey  
Nanaimo-Oceanside  
North Mason County  
Parksville A.M.  
Port Alberni-Arrowsmith  
Sequim  
South Puget Sound - Olympia

### **DISTRICT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

(There are no banners....but our sincere thanks go out to these clubs for their generosity)

### **Top 3 Per Capita TOTAL Giving (Annual Fund + Polio Plus)**

Oak Bay \$1 200.00  
Campbell River \$761.45  
East Jefferson Country \$712.65

### **Top 3 Polio Plus Giving by Rotary Club**

Lakewood \$19, 523.00  
Campbell River \$10, 577.32  
Gig Harbor \$10, 056.00

### **Polio Commendation Certificate. Each**



*club raising at least \$1 500 towards Polio Plus is awarded a Rotary International **Polio Citation**. 50% of our clubs qualified this year!*

### **Congratulations to the following clubs who received 'Polio Citations'**

Bainbridge Island  
Bremerton  
Campbell River  
Campbell River Daybreak  
Clover Park  
Comox  
Courtenay  
Cumberland  
Duncan  
East Bremerton  
East Jefferson County  
Gateway-Thurston County  
Gig Harbor Middyay  
Gig Harbor  
Kingston-North Kitsap Lacey  
Lakewood  
Lantzville  
Longview  
Nanaimo  
Nanaimo-Oceanside  
Oak Bay  
Parksville A.M.  
Puyallup  
Puyallup South Hill  
Qualicum Beach Sunrise  
Sequim Sunrise  
Shelton Skookum  
Shelton  
Sidney by the Sea Silverdale

South Cowichan (Mill Bay)  
South Kitsap  
Sumner  
Tacoma Narrows  
Tacoma  
Twin Cities  
Victoria  
Victoria-Harbourside

### **Presidential Citations:**

Each year the Rotary International President establishes criteria for qualification for a Club Presidential Citations. An impressive 22 clubs were acknowledged for their efforts. Congratulations to the club presidents, boards, and Rotarians for their focus on such important Rotary GOALS. Past RI President Barry Rassin would indeed be proud!

### **Platinum:**

Ladysmith  
Puyallup  
Puyallup South Hill  
Tacoma 8

### **Gold:**

Chemainus  
Clover Park  
East Jefferson Count  
Nanaimo-Oceanside  
North Mason County  
Parkland-Spanaway  
Port Orchard  
South Cowichan (Mill Bay)

Sumner  
Victoria-Harbourside  
Yelm

### **Silver:**

Campbell River Daybreak  
Campbell River  
Duncan Daybreak  
Lakewood  
Nanaimo Daybreak  
Parksville AM  
Port Townsend-Sunrise



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

### **Concluding Thoughts**

*I continue to be so proud to be a member of a Rotary District that works tirelessly each year to raise funds for Polio Plus and The Rotary Foundation. In my travels to 91 Rotary clubs it soon became evident that many show their appreciation for the lifestyle they feel privileged to experience.....by creating opportunities for others less fortunate throughout the world and within our own communities. For that commitment of the heart a sincere thank you.*

My dream continues to be that every Rotarian in our district will be able to give at least \$25 annually to The Rotary Foundation. **Rotary Direct** certainly provides the most efficient means of contributing at a level and frequency that every Rotarian can individually choose. We always need to remind ourselves that It is those dollars that continue to fund district and global projects and help make dreams real.

To the club presidents and your boards, to those who sit on District Council to provide support and guidance....a sincere thank you for your leadership ..... and to all Rotarians know how appreciative I am of your **engagement** as People of Action. Through your generosity and collective heart, together **we** were able to live our theme: **Be the Inspiration!**

*With much gratitude*  
PDG Craig Gillis



## LOVE TO TRAVEL?

### LOVE ROTARY/ PARTICIPATE IN ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

**New: Exchange with Rotary District 2232,  
Ukraine / Belarus.**

District 5020 visits 2232 after June 14 2020  
District 2232 visits 5020 May, 2021

Each team will consist of up to 6 singles or couples,  
the visit will be 12-14 nights but could be adjusted at  
the time.

Rotary District 2232 with around 50 clubs in Ukraine  
and 4 clubs in Belarus, includes Lviv, Kiev and  
Odessa. Interested parties may email the chair for  
inquiries.

Rotary Friendship Exchange is when a group of  
Rotarians from one Rotary district in the world travel  
to another for fun and fellowship. It's a wonderful  
way to travel, but it's not like a regular holiday, it's  
an experience. You'll learn about how the locals live,  
make lifelong friends and discover new cultures and  
communities. Often you share Rotary projects and  
ideas. Exchanges are usually reciprocal.

Complete details at [www.rotary5020.org/rfe](http://www.rotary5020.org/rfe)





## 2019-2020 PRESIDENTIAL SPOTLIGHT: LEOLA (LEE) KUEFLER

I am a retired pharmacist having worked as a pharmacist for 50 years. After visiting an orphanage in Haiti, I decided to try to help the world be a friendly place so I joined the Rotary Club in Wetaskiwin, Alberta in 2001. After attending PETS in Seattle this year, I came back totally “rotarized” with the mission of sharing this enthusiasm and educating our Qualicum Rotarians about Rotary.



# COUNCIL ON RESOLUTIONS 2019

BY RICHARD CLARKE

Rotary Internationals Legislative was modified at the 2016 Council was changed to provide an opportunity for Rotary Clubs to propose and have Resolutions considered annually, rather than once every three years at the Council on Legislation.

A Resolution is a request to the RI Board or The Rotary Foundation Trustees to take an action that is outside the purview of the constitutional documents. Ideally, a resolution should affect the Rotary world, rather than address local or administrative issues.

Each year Clubs may propose a Resolution for consideration, first by their District then subsequently by the District Council on Legislation Representatives, voting online as the Council of Resolutions. Those resolutions which are endorsed by a majority of the CoR Representatives will be considered by the Board or Trustees as appropriate and they will report out the result of their consideration.

This fall the CoR considered 33 Resolutions of which six were endorsed by the Council. Below are brief summaries of those resolutions. For more information on these or the Resolutions that failed to gain sufficient support, please go to <https://my.rotary.org/en/cor/vote>

## 1. Resolution 19R-05

Resolved that: the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider recommending that clubs also form a strategy committee.

Stated purpose: That mid- to long-term strategies are of vital importance for clubs. By introducing a specific strategy committee, clubs will also make far greater use of RI's strategic planning documents

## 2. Resolution 19R-15

Resolved that: the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider recommending guidelines for Rotaract clubs, such as a minimum number of members, service activities for enhancing Rotary's public image, and fiscal best practices, as they are admitted to RI membership.

Stated purpose: With these guidelines, both Rotaract and sponsor clubs will be able to organize and engage in activities that are better aligned with Rotary's vision statement.

## 3. Resolution 19R-17

Resolved that: the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider publicizing all of Rotary's achievements and beneficial activities, including vocational service, as it communicates them to the world.



Stated purpose: Thoroughly publicizing the achievements of Rotary, as reflected in its many beneficial activities will help to encourage and foster the ideal of service and is, therefore, directly related to the Object of Rotary. It would also have a positive impact on our membership development by advancing the wider recognition of Rotary's significance

#### **4. Resolution 19R-18**

Resolved that: the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider emphasizing Rotary's unique and useful concept of vocational service for the purpose of membership development, particularly as it relates to the recruitment of younger adults.

Stated Purpose: Vocational service enables Rotarians to serve their communities through their useful occupations. Developing membership by emphasizing vocational service mainly to the large majority of the working adult population will help to advance the Object of Rotary.

#### **5. Resolution 19R-21**

Resolved that: the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider informing Rotarians about the progress of RI's tax status change; presenting their projection on any changes to the five-year financial forecast as reported to the Council on Legislation, as well as their spending plan for the resulting surplus, once it is realized; and submitting the plan to the Council on Resolutions.

Stated purpose: it is desirable for the RI Board to not only publicize the progress of the change in tax status, but also carefully consider how to spend the resulting surplus in meaningful ways and, finally, to submit the Board's decisions to the Council on Resolutions

#### **6. Resolution 19R-26**

Resolved that: the Board of Directors of Rotary International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider allowing modifications to the original approved budget of a global grant project if such modifications have been approved by a regional grant officer or The Rotary Foundation Trustees

Stated purpose: to ensure smooth, online financial reporting of expenses that have been approved by The Rotary Foundation. At present, these changes can be entered only as additional budget items. Also, line items which have been modified on the project budget are not currently reflected in the online report. This leads to an inaccurate perception that grant monies have been or are being spent on unapproved line items, or are at variance with those reported on the budget. This, in turn, may cause confusion over the process of online reporting, and can lead to assumptions that funds have been misused. The modifications suggested here will allow grant officers to reopen a locked global grant project and replace its original budget with a modified one, thus facilitating the grant reporting process for clubs and districts.



# 5020 WELCOMES THEIR FIRST PEACEBUILDER CLUB

BY MARC BRACKETT

The Rotary Club of Chemainus has joined the Rotarian Action Group for Peace as a Peacebuilder Club. This represents a multi-year commitment to engage in dialogue. Phase 1 is little more than newsletters and directed readings, but this will soon spread to the whole club improving peace literacy with speakers and materials.

Canada and the US have high levels of positive

peace, the institutions and structures to sustain a peaceful society, and low levels of negative peace, or absence of violence.

All of these depend on trust. A confidence in institutions and low fear of violence. These beliefs are so easily eroded. In times of change, uncertainty or negative politics, this trust is fragile. It is Rotary, among many other groups, associations, and communities are the peace

threads. The threads that together are woven into the fabric of our society, that must remain strongly opposed to negativity.

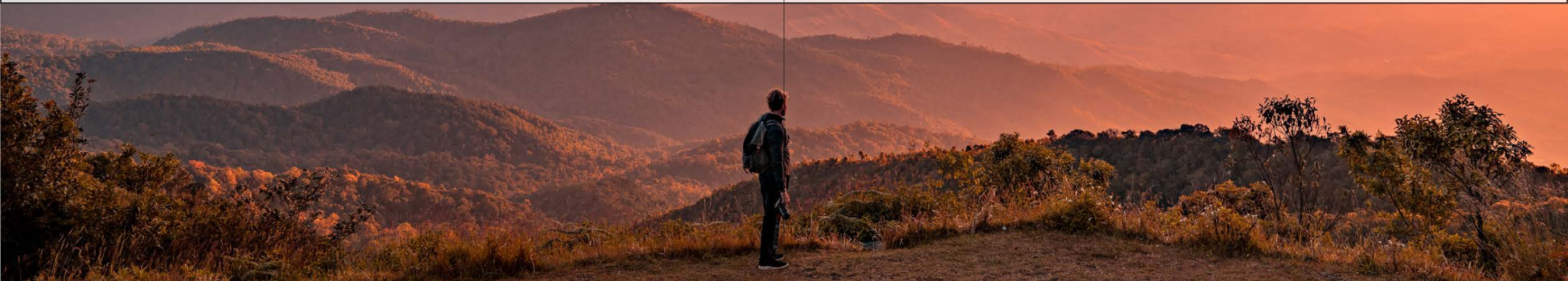
Chemainus joined the Rotarian Action Group as a first step to continuing the conversation and protecting our values. After inspirational speakers at DTA last May it was time to start building the vocabulary.

District 5020 is a Peacebuilding District, representing our ongoing commitment and support of the Peace Fellowship program. Great work has been done thanks to individuals

in 5020. We have supported many Fellows/ Ambassadors. Peacebuilding Clubs are parallel but unconnected program.

The Rotarian Action Group for Peace says it best; we all want stronger more harmonious communities and must address the growing problem and danger of divisiveness and polarization that fractionalizes and stagnates societies.

**More information on the RAGFP website or [rotary@brackett.ca](mailto:rotary@brackett.ca)**







## ***AREA 10 DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT***

BY ALAN BEAM

On November 12th, the five clubs of Rotary District 5020 Area 10, Bremerton, East Bremerton, Port Orchard, South Kitsap, and North Mason, led by Assistant Governor Jerry Le Texier met for Dinner at the Kitsap Conference Center. The Dinner provided a unique opportunity to gather as an Area to converse, commune, and celebrate with District 5020 Governor Maureen Fitz-Roberts (Mo).





And a celebration it was, with 200 guests and the band playing Hawaiian music. You could feel the excitement in the room. People were meeting and greeting each other. Old friends were reconnecting, and new Rotarians were mingling and feeling connected. It was impossible to keep Jerry's Happy feet in one place. He was spinning Kellie around on the dance floor, only to be joined by Mo and Dale with some dance moves. This was a party enjoyed by everyone with good food, good company, and a passionate speech, given by a District Governor who loves Rotary.

“This was a first-time event for members of our North Mason Rotary Club. In years past, we had been visited by District Governor's in which required them to travel great distances considering the size of District 5020. However, this year, a new process was developed, which ultimately turned out to define it as a definite “Win-Win” project. Our Assistant District Governor Jerry Le Texier, came up with the idea of a combined meeting with clubs in Area 10. What a great idea! At first, the ideas seem to float around regarding food, entertainment, and





a simple gathering. Then, the synergy evolved into a huge gathering representing a Hawaiian Theme, a short video, a band as well as emphasis on having a great time. What a great way to celebrate this event as a pre-cursor to the “Rotary International Conference” in Honolulu this year. As a result, the catered event was outstanding with plenty of food, lots of socializing, and a tremendous address by our District Governor Mo Fritz-Roberts. The music provided by a two-piece guitar combo was right in line with our tropical theme. When you look at a District Governor’s visit, this one tops the list and will undoubtedly go down as one of the best-attended events ever. “- Ken Boad President Rotary Club of North Mason

DG Mo is a Rotarian that has made several trips to Ethiopia and has seen firsthand, how our money (Paul Harris) is put to work to better the lives of people; people that would never have the means to make a living for themselves or their families or teenage girls that would be unable to escape human trafficking. “Just donating a few dollars a month can make a difference.”



























# COMMUNITY GIANT LEAVES LARGE FOOTPRINT

BY BRET KEEHN

On November 15, 2019 the Rotary Club of Sequim-Sunrise, and all that knew him, were saddened by the passing of Jim Pickett. Jim was a Rotarian for 48 years, first joining the Rotary Club of Galveston, Texas, in 1971 and serving as their club President in 1990/91. After retiring as Superintendent of the Galveston School District, he and his wife Cherie, moved to Sequim in 1993, where they began to contribute to the community and Rotary in many ways.

It did not take long for Jim and Cherie to become involved in Citizens for Sequim Schools and

take a leadership role in the successful passage of a \$25 million dollar capital improvement bond in 1996 that funded the construction of an elementary school, a middle school, an addition to the high school and other improvements. Both also became involved with many other organizations including the Olympic Peninsula Trail Coalition, the Friends of the Sequim Library and a team that delivered medical equipment and other supplies for Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County.

Jim's work within his community was prolific and

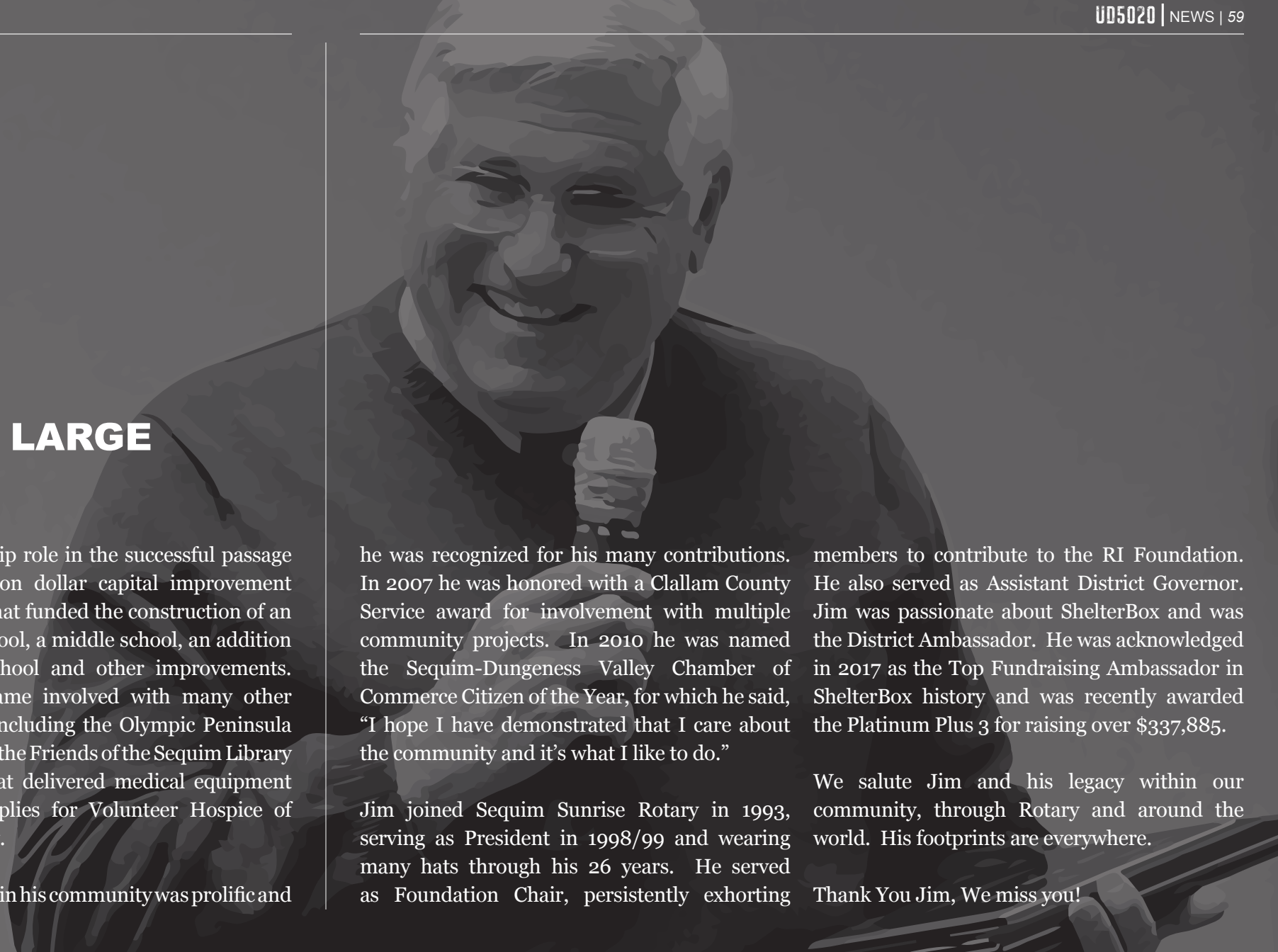
he was recognized for his many contributions. In 2007 he was honored with a Clallam County Service award for involvement with multiple community projects. In 2010 he was named the Sequim-Dungeness Valley Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, for which he said, "I hope I have demonstrated that I care about the community and it's what I like to do."

Jim joined Sequim Sunrise Rotary in 1993, serving as President in 1998/99 and wearing many hats through his 26 years. He served as Foundation Chair, persistently exhorting

members to contribute to the RI Foundation. He also served as Assistant District Governor. Jim was passionate about ShelterBox and was the District Ambassador. He was acknowledged in 2017 as the Top Fundraising Ambassador in ShelterBox history and was recently awarded the Platinum Plus 3 for raising over \$337,885.

We salute Jim and his legacy within our community, through Rotary and around the world. His footprints are everywhere.

Thank You Jim, We miss you!





# NANAIMO NORTH'S ROTARY LENDS A HAND TO HELP

BY DON DEMPSON

With the temperatures on the decline and the reality that rain (and even snow) are going to be a more regular occurrence, it's important to remember that as Rotarians.... we make a significant difference when we lend our service to the homeless and working poor at food banks and through community kitchen programs.

Nanaimo North's Rotary club has been involved in both a Loaves & Fishes (food bank) and monthly breakfast program at the Salvation Army for years and throughout November and December there is an added commitment from this club to get out, be ready and lend a hand.

In October (Canada's Thanksgiving month) and November, a dramatic increase in the numbers who depend on these breakfasts may be a precursor for this winter season but fortunately, the club's volunteer contingent has been ready for the task. More than 25 members and friends arrived for the November breakfast and were on the job by 7:30AM. They prepped meals, set tables, greeted people and served





those that needed – a hot meal and a hand up.

At the food bank, regularly upwards of 20 Rotarians stand shoulder to shoulder and pour through scores of oversized bins sorting and packaging canned, boxed, frozen and fresh foods so supplies can be ready for the next day's surge of people who will line up early for supplies.

Assistant District Governor Wayne Anderson, who worked the breakfast serving line termed it, "heart warming and satisfying to see so many people enjoying a good meal. It is a privilege to be part of giving back on a regular basis to those that need it most."

The Nanaimo North club plays an integral part with both the food bank and breakfast activities and the membership of the club has made both projects 'priority one programs' that monthly touch several hundred individuals and families throughout the Nanaimo region. Club president Barney Sharp explained it best when he said, "we do this because there is a real need! We care and because service above self is just the right thing. Giving back and supporting our community is something to be proud of, but it's the continual commitment and dedication of Rotarians to projects like these two, that makes me appreciate why I joined Rotary."







*Back row, left to right: Bill Robinson, Don Dempson, Bill Grace, Perry Williams, Jim Turley, Jeff Tomlinson, Serena Klaver, Barney Sharp, Rob Waine, Ian Thorpe.*

*Front row, left to right: Shelia Anderson, Rebecca Chesham, Emma Sharp, Cara Klein, Lynne Hannay.*





## PROTECTING GHOSTS & GOBLINS IN CUMBERLAND

BY DEBBIE LEMIRE

*Rotary Club of Cumberland Centennial were out in force again this year protecting children at street crossings in Cumberland for the Village's annual Hallowe'en Parade. Pictured here from left to right are Rotarians David Muir, Margaret Neal, Keith Tatton, Barb Giroday, Leslie Baird, John Jones, Kathy Stevens, Caroline Bradfield, Dave Stevens and Club President Robb Flannery. Helping one of the trick or treaters with their costume is Kathy Stevens.*



## ROTARY CLUB OF CUMBERLAND CENTENNIAL ANNUAL FUNDRAISER A HUGE SUCCESS

BY DEBBIE LEMIRE

*21 member Rotary Club of Cumberland Centennial pulled off a fundraiser of grand proportion for the 15th time. Because of the dedication and hard work of club members the Extravaganza Italiana is a dinner & auction that sells out every year. We are exceedingly fortunate to be able to rely on the services of Charter Member and International Director Dave Stevens - a retired professional auctioneer. Dave (in top hat) is auctioning off a box of coal and one year he was able to get a substantial sum for a bucket of rocks! Everyone brings their talents to Rotary and our little club collectively "punches above their weight" time and time again.*



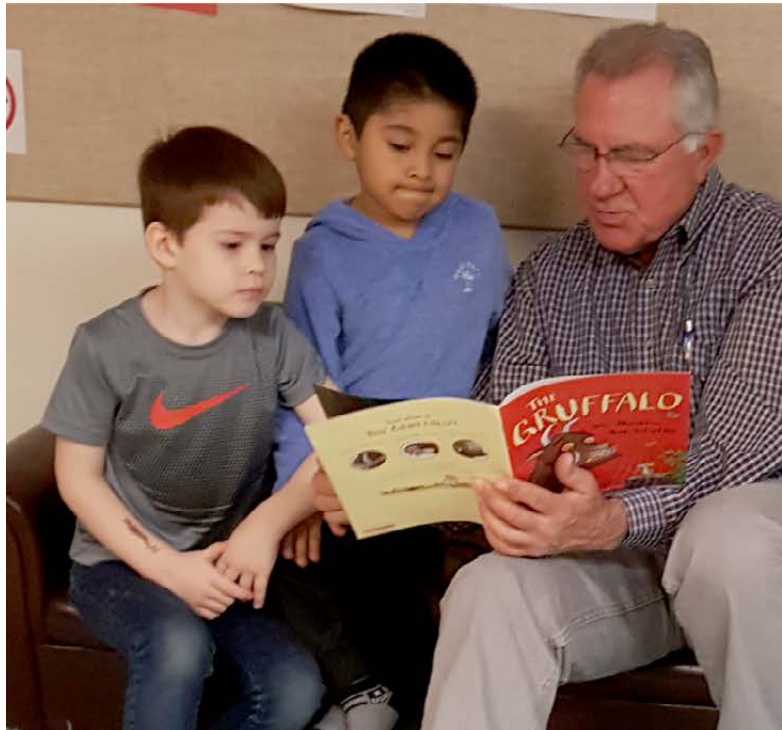
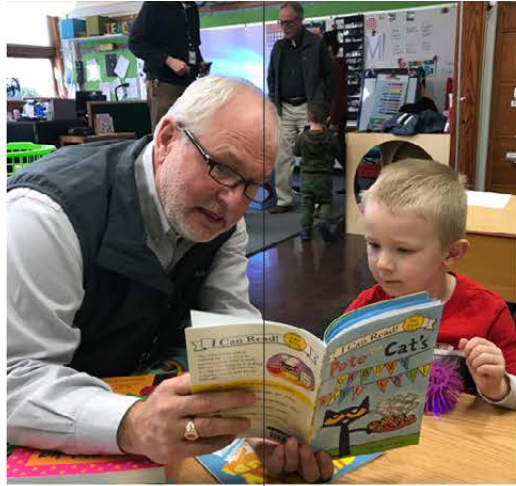


# READING IS COOL

BY SARAH KOSS

Read, Read, Read is the theme of Longview Rotarians as they visit classrooms to give away books and read with students. For the past several years, the Rotary Club of Longview has adopted literacy as a high priority, especially getting books in the hands and homes of preschool and elementary students. We know the more students read, the better they read and the better they do in school and beyond.

This Rotary year, Longview Rotarians will give books to all students in seven elementary schools and one preschool in the Longview School District. Rotarians read a book to the class and then invite the students to choose a book of their very own. Additional Rotary volunteers then read the book to the students one-on-one. One teacher told us that for many of the students, the only books in their home libraries are the books donated by Longview Rotary!





# COURTENAY INTERACT CLUB DONATES \$1,000.00 TO AID BAHAMAS DISASTER

BY DEBRA LONG (INTERACT TEACHER SPONSOR - ISFELD SECONDARY SCHOOL)

When the Interact Club heard about the devastation that Hurricane Dorian had caused in the Bahamas in September, they quickly decided to put some fundraising together so that they could send a \$1,000 cheque to Disaster Aid Canada. Their donation of \$1,000.00 will provide a complete relief kit for a family of up to 10 people. It includes a 3 room tent, a tool kit, hygiene kits, warmth & comfort products and a water filtration system that will provide a years' worth of drinkable water.

Here is the mission statement of our Interact Club:

"The Mark Isfeld Interact Club empowers youth to create change within our local and global communities. We are dedicate to improving educational opportunities and the well-being of young people. We put the act in Interact."

To show you how involved our club members become, you can see a video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kJsTnShqKNM>. In 2017, we won first place in the International Rotary video contest. Every day, these young people thoroughly amaze me. I feel very privileged to work with them and to share their ideas, goals and positive spirit. They make me feel that our future is in good hands.

I want to say thank you to you and your team for assisting others through your work with Disaster Aid Canada.





## 2018-2019 ROTARY CITATION WITH GOLD DISTINCTION

BY CATHY SNYDER (ROTARY CLUB OF COMOX - INTERACT  
MENTOR)

*Pictured are past co-presidents of the Mark Isfeld Interact Club Jordana Hadfield and McKenna Heinrich being presented with the 2018-19 Rotary Citation with Gold Distinction from Comox Rotarian Mentor Brian Mather. The Rotary Club of Comox is very proud of all of the projects that this club works diligently on to help make our local and global world a better place to live. These students are truly inspirational and very deserving of this award!*





# ROTARY CLUB OF LONGVIEW FREEDOM FLAGS PROJECT

BY BILL OFSTUN & KEITH LARSON

The Longview Rotary Flags Project is a yearly subscription-based program. An annual \$50 commitment enables Rotarians to place an American Flag at homes or businesses on four separate holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Presidents Day, and Veterans Day.

All revenue received through the Freedom Flags program supports local programs such as little free libraries, books to schools, scholarships, parks improvements, community service projects, and international programs to help eradicate polio, provide clean drinking water and install computer labs. Rotarians place a 14 inch PVC pipe/sleeve at ground level to serve as the flag pole holder at a spot designated by the homeowner or business proprietor. Flags are put into place by teams of Rotarians just before the designated holiday and removed shortly after the holiday, again by Rotarians, allowing the owners to demonstrate their patriotic spirit. The flags were assembled and are stored at Ryan Grady's ServPro warehouse on Alabama Street.

Each season our Freedom Flags subscriptions

fall into three categories: Active (paid), Inactive (unpaid), and New. This year 17 went inactive. Fortunately, this loss of subscriptions was offset by 20 new subscriptions giving us a total of 260 total active Freedom Flag subscriptions. These will bring in \$13,000 annually. This time last year, we had 173 subscriptions. That is an increase of 87 flag subscriptions in one year!

We get a few new subscriptions each holiday because the flags, when concentrated in a neighborhood, can sell themselves. However, the increase we experienced this year was largely due to the efforts of several Rotarians who have taken ownership of their neighborhoods and made personal connections with their neighbors. Standout Rotarians include: Peter Isaacson, who has sold several new flags bringing the total to nine subscriptions on Jeffrey Place. Jeff Bartleson and Pat Martin now maintain 39 subscriptions along Kessler Blvd. and 25th Avenue. And, not to be out done, Jim Hennig has increased flag subscriptions along the Lone Oak area from an original 12 to 49 with 50% of our new subscriptions this holiday









# A OVER-LOOKED BENEFIT OF ROTARY

BY KEVIN HILGERS

When we join Rotary we understand there will be obligations. Attending meetings, contributing to committees, paying dues, contributing skills and experience to projects and programs.

There are many benefits of Rotary as well and sometimes we overlook these gifts. This month I am thinking of the benefit of tapping into wisdom. I was reminded of this because I did exactly this step, recently. I am a business person like many Rotarians. I had a new challenge presented to me and my business. I

immediately thought of Nick Woywitka from Duncan.

Nick is President of Nicon Developments Limited. Among other things – a property developer. He is also a member of the Rotary Club of Duncan. This past summer we spent time together and eventually compared business notes. I remembered this when I came across my challenge. It really stumped me. I swapped ideas with a few friends, my spouse and then I remembered my chats with Nick.

I emailed Nick with a bit of the background. About 48 hours later he called me. We reviewed the challenge and in a typically Nick “No BS” conversation, he laid out his thoughts as to how I should handle the challenge. And I was so grateful. The advice was just what I needed. I was able to move forward with a wealth of information and confidence.

How could I do that without my connections through Rotary? Thanks to Rotary I was able to take advantage of a great asset afforded by my membership - wisdom. It also reminds me how important it is to remember how much it means when we, too avail ourselves to fellow

Rotarians. Have you ever rolled your eyes at those “young whipper snappers” that we call new Rotary members? That was you, once. I suspect there were senior members that took the time to welcome you into the club and offered their expertise and wisdom.

People like Nick remind me there is great value in every member of the club, in particular as we grow in seniority. That’s the time to look around the room and ensure tomorrows leaders have confidence that they can tap into great insight and experience because they are a member of Rotary. And that person with the insight could very well be from you.





# MORROW MANOR MOVING FORWARD

BY FRANCES MALONE

Five years after the plans for Poulsbo-NK Rotary's most ambitious project were presented to and approved by the club the construction of Morrow Manor is well on its way. The project, which consists of 8 units to house victims of domestic violence, is projected to be completed at a cost of more than \$2,500,000 by Summer of 2020. Given the ongoing problem of domestic violence in the county, the club members believed it to be worthy of an extraordinary effort and have been enthusiastic in providing support. A Poulsbo-NK Rotarian who prefers to remain anonymous donated the Manor's building site.

Poulsbo-NK Rotary Club and the YWCA of Kitsap County are working together to assure Morrow Manor's long-term success, positive outcomes, and sustainability. In addition to directing the fundraising in the construction phase, the Poulsbo Rotary Club has pledged \$12,000 for ten years (\$120,000) for the YWCA of Kitsap County to manage and provide support services at Morrow Manor. An additional important participant, the City

of Poulsbo, will develop and maintain a surrounding park.

The club's long-term commitment to reducing, if not eliminating, domestic violence in Kitsap County was inspired by long-time member Ardis Morrow. Morrow's activism addressing the problem began after her great nephew, Eli Creekmore, died as a victim of domestic violence. Her passionate lobbying efforts had a major impact on State legislation.

For more information about Morrow Manor visit its website: <http://supportmorrowmanor.org/faqs.html>

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| 1. Multi-Use Paved Trail                 | 13. Game Tables               |
| 2. Understory Vegetation                 | 14. Entry Feature/Sign        |
| 3. Restroom                              | 15. Paved Interior Trail      |
| 4. Buffer Vegetation                     | 16. Lawn Area                 |
| 5. Privacy Fencing                       | 17. Tot Toys                  |
| 6. Preserve Existing Trees and "Limb Up" | 18. Reading Room Sphere       |
| 7. Climbing Wall                         | 19. Gravel Trail              |
| 8. Tree Fort - Custom                    | 20. Sensory Path              |
| 9. Swings                                | 21. On-Street Parking (ADA)   |
| 10. Boulders                             | 22. Dirt Trail/Parkour Course |
| 11. Bicycle Parking                      | 23. Supportive Housing Units  |
| 12. Arbor Structure                      |                               |





# END POLIO NOW FUNDRAISING RESULTS

BY FEMI TUNDE-OLADEPO

The Rotary Clubs of Greater Victoria would like to thank everyone for supporting the various polio related fundraising events during the month of October.

Pizza For Polio, supported by Domino's Pizza (Foul Bay Road, Bay Street, Shelbourne Street and Millstream Road), Sooke 2 For 1 Pizza and 328 Taphouse + Grill, together raised \$7,850.

END POLIO NOW events: The movie Breathe, shown at the Eric Martin Pavilion, raised \$2,146. The White Elephant Auction in Sooke raised \$2,500.

In total the Rotary Clubs of Greater Victoria, with help from everyone, raised \$12,496 (roughly US\$9,600). The US\$ amount will be matched 2:1 by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, for a grand total of approximately US\$28,800. This will provide polio drops for 38,400 children!.

Please continue to support the pizza companies who so generously supported us!



*Rotary members Joan of The Rotary Club of Oak Bay, (copied the idea from a Rotary club in Ontario), Alyx of The Rotary Club of Oak Bay (was the contact to Mike) and Femi, a Rotaractor, (Chair, PR Committee, Area 6/7 clubs) thank Mike Simister for his Domino locations' support this month for "Pizza for Polio"*



*Alyx, Mike and Joan . . Mike holding the \$7,500 cheque for Polio Plus*



# PEROGIES FOR POLIO

BY DOUG PHYALL

When a member comes up with an idea, the rest of us support them and do whatever we can to see that the goal is achieved. A Campbell River Daybreak club member's mother is a polio survivor which provided inspiration.

Yvonne Pelletier-Paul wants to help ensure that all children have the opportunity to grow up in a polio free world. Perogies for Polio 2019 raised enough to vaccinate 13,860 children. How did we do it?

Day one. We gathered for a meal, discussed the plan for the evening and then went to work. Step one – prepare the filling = peeling potatoes, cutting them into smaller pieces, add salt, pepper, and cheese. Mix the filling, chill for day two.

Day two – Gather, meal, plan. Step two – finishing the perogies = make the dough, roll into thin slabs, cut into circles, insert the filling, fold to seal the filling inside, pinch closed.

We think about the immunization process for a child, wrapping them in the protection of polio immunization. We repeated this routine

three times until all orders were filled.

Thanks to our crew of twenty-five Rotarians, family members, our two exchange students, and the friends of Rotary who participated.

A special thanks to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which adds double the amount we raise to allow our efforts to reach polio free children around the world.



*Yvonne Pelletier-Paul and President Ron Fisher*



*Yvonne Pelletier-Paul, Lauren Bull and Wili Facey*



# “CLEAR CUT POLIO”

BY DEBORAH MACKINNON

For the last two years, Kingston-North Kitsap and Poulsbo Rotary clubs have socialized over beer and pizza in observation of World Polio Day. The patrons made contributions, and the vendors (Westside Pizza, Poulsbo Woodfired Pizza, Western Red Brewing) donated a portion of their sales. As a result, the clubs have submitted nearly \$1200 to Polio Plus. It's always a fun night with friends and family to eat, drink, and donate!

Both years the event has been held at Western Red

Brewing in Poulsbo, where the new Crossroads club of Poulsbo meets monthly. The Brewery is also a partner on Kingston's fundraising Kitsap-Olympic Ale Trail. Because of these connections with Rotary, Western Red designed a new beer specifically for World Polio Day.

At this year's event held on October 18, 2019, Kingston's president Bill Maule won the naming contest for the new brew. “Clear Cut Polio” is now the beer's official title. Both clubs look forward to next year's event.



# CHANGE FOR POLIO PLUS

BY DAVID HALL

Imitation being the sincerest form of flattery, Clover Park Rotarian Dave Hall recognized a brilliant idea when visiting Tacoma Sunrise Rotary several months ago.

That club had a metal bucket, painted bright red, sitting next to the speaker's lectern. The bucket bore the words, “Change For Polio Plus”, and club members were encouraged to deposit their pocket change in the bucket.

When Clover Park's Foundation Director, Katelyn Billingsley, announced her desire to ramp up the club's participation in the fight to end polio, Dave suggested emulating Tacoma Sunrise's approach. The Board agreed, and thus was born a similar version, though with a nod to the area's dairy farming roots.

Now when members sign in at Wednesday lunchtime meetings, a smaller version of an old-fashioned milk can sits next to the roster. Logos on both sides encourage dropping coins to “Change (for) The World!” and “End Polio Now!”

The very first meeting where this milk can appeared provided a total of \$32.00 to be

donated to the End Polio Campaign. Best of all, this weekly collection is in addition to Clover Park Rotary's goal of every member contributing a minimum of \$25.00 to Polio Plus this quarter!





## ROTARY CLUB OF VICTORIA APPRECIATION FROM ROTARY FOUNDATION

BY GERALD PASH

*Assistant District Governor, Joan Peggs, brought the club a certificate of appreciation signed by the President of Rotary International and the Chair of the Rotary Foundation. With Polio Plus Committee Chair – former President Terry Toone, Past President Kim McGowan displays the document inscribed, “Rotary Club of Victoria is presented a certificate of appreciation for the financial support of End Polio Now: Countdown to History Campaign. Together, we will fulfill our promise to the children of the world and eradicate polio.”*





# PUMPKINS FOR POLIO AUCTION

BY GARY MCLELAN

The Rotary Club of Campbell River reached out during October 2019 and, in particular, on World Polio Day (October 24) to raise awareness, funds and support to end polio in the world. During each of the Club's four regular meetings in October, short video clips about polio were presented to the members and guests. The clips in sequence were: "Rotary on the Brink of Polio History," "Drop to Zero," "Polio Surveillance," and "5 Ways to End Polio." The goal was to give an update and create more awareness to our members and to highlight the significance of this month. Further, short presentations were made at the meetings of the Interact Clubs and guidance was provided to assist them in preparing and creating more awareness during World Polio Day in their schools. The Interact Clubs raised funds and created awareness by selling homemade cookies to the students and promoting the color purple.

The Club made significant efforts to create more awareness about polio and Rotary's eradication efforts to the citizens of Campbell River. At the beginning of October, local businesses in a number of shopping centers/clusters were asked to assist the Club by displaying materials about polio. Sixty-five businesses and organizations agreed to assist with the project. A small team of Rotarians prepared and distributed 30 penny boxes, purple balloons with the text "Fortunate, we don't have polio", and posters to the businesses. During the campaign, the public had the opportunity to donate some pocket money – in total





\$128 was collected. On social media our purple campaign was promoted; there was an article in our local newspaper (Campbell River Mirror); and our "Rotarian" Mayor Andy Adams signed the proclamation making October 24 World Polio Day in Campbell River.

The Rotary Club of Campbell River's major polio fundraisers are the Pumpkins for Polio auctions that are held at two locations. The "public" Pumpkins for Polio auction was held at the Riptide Pub on October 29th. This is the third year that the Riptide Pub has graciously hosted the event – an enthusiastic crowd enjoyed a beer and burger dinner followed by the pumpkin auction. The home-grown pumpkins were kindly donated by Coastal Black Farms and skillfully carved or painted by members of the Campbell River Arts Council. Before the auction started, the audience was treated to the now famous "Pumpkins for Polio" song which was performed by Rotarians Pieter Koeleman (vocals) and Tony Fantillo (accordion). Kevin Simonett of the Campbell River Daybreak Club provided auctioneering skills and humour which were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience as he auctioned more than 20 pumpkins. At the end of the evening, Rotary members were very pleased to learn that the event brought in over \$2300.00! The following day, the Club's "in-



house" Pumpkins for Polio auction was held at its regular noon meeting where Rotarian Todd Peachey displayed his auctioneering skills. The Rotary Club members provided carved and painted pumpkins, also donated by Coastal Black Farms, which were sold to the highest bidder! The Club's Pumpkins for Polio event raised over \$3,100.00!

The \$5,500.00+ raised from the two Pumpkins for Polio events and the public giving will be matched 2:1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation resulting in a total of over \$16,500.00 that will go towards global polio eradication efforts. The Rotary Club of Campbell River has a history of giving generously to the PolioPlus program. Thanks are given to our Rotary members and to the Campbell River community for supporting this worthy cause.











## TACOMA #8 PARTNERS WITH RAISING GIRLS

BY CHRIS SERFACE

The Rotary Club of Tacoma #8 has begun a new partnership in our community with Raising Girls. Raising Girls was founded in 2017 with a mission to provide South Sound girls with care bags of personal items. These care bags are tangible testaments to the joy of "girlhood" and are visual representations of the respect and love the community has for their girls.

According to statistics released by the Always brand, nearly one in five American girls have either left school early or missed school entirely because they did not have access to

period products. While many know that period poverty is a problem in other countries, not a lot of attention is given to this issue in the US. Raising Girls is not only tackling period poverty but is also providing girls with items they need to help boost their confidence and help them feel empowered during a time in their lives when their self-confidence starts to decline. The care bags contain tampons and pads but also full-size shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, wash cloths, and other "something extras" that help them feel their best.

Our collaboration began in May 2019 when Founder & CEO Sharon Chambers-Gordon became a member of our club. Our club decided to select Raising Girls for our Fall 2019 special project. With a \$2,500 grant we purchased hygiene products, and on November 21st our club packed 200 bags with personal items. In addition, members have also volunteered to write over 200 inspirational cards with messages to the girls that will be placed in each bag. These bags will be distributed to middle schools in Tacoma to indicate our love, concern, and care for the students who need these items to ensure that they stay in school to learn and grow.

Our club plans to continue to support this

organization in a meaning and tangible way by asking members to continue to write inspirational messages so there will be enough to put in the bags to inspire girls and uplift their self-esteem.

In reviewing the 2018 Census statistics for Pierce County, there are approximately 7,500 girls between the ages of 5-18 living in poverty in our county. Raising Girls' goal is to expand their program throughout Pierce County to provide assistance to girls all over the South Sound, with their target group of girls between the ages of 10-18.

For more information visit [raisinggirls.org](http://raisinggirls.org) or call (253)-260-4580



# ROTARY CLUB OF WOODLAND WASHINGTON

BY SUZY OUBRE-LOYD

Located in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, the Rotary Club of Woodland is the southernmost club in district 5020. This club may only have 30 or so members, but it has proven that the dream for a better community-world is very achievable when you have members with big hearts and incredible perseverance. This combination is the very essence of what being a Rotarian is, and in our club, we are making amazing things happen. As president for the 2019-2020 year, I am very proud to share a few of the projects we are working on: Providing clean water well in India, developing a 40 Acre multi-sport park, and our annual Christmas giving project.

There is no shortage of need for clean water in the world, the difficulty is where to start. Our club was presented with an opportunity to put clean water well in a

small village called Vippala, located near Tenali India. In partnership with “Favor the Helpless,” this ministry helps feed, cloth, and give medical attention to local orphans, widows, elderly, and lepers. This clean water source will serve over 500 people—that includes the local orphanage. A plaque with our name will be placed at the well site, and we are honored to have the chance to help so many.

Scott Hill Park and Sports Complex was a dream and opportunity when our club was approached, we worked in tandem with the City of Woodland, eight years ago, we helped make it a reality. Starting with no money, and an idea to develop a multiuse sports park in the small community of Woodland WA. Fast forward to today, we have successfully been awarded three matching state grants that total 1.7M and

we are wrapping up phase one of four. So far, the less glamorous but extremely important part of the development; excavating, drainage, water pipes for irrigation and sewage, retaining walls, one multipurpose ball field, and a portion of the nature trail has been done.

We are looking forward to the first ballfield to be player ready by summer 2020.

To help understand the scope of this project, the end goal is four soccer fields and four baseball fields with all the things you need to host real ball tournaments and over 1.5 miles of a flat handicap-accessible walking trail. Our dream will be a reality one day. The 40 acres is located on a beautiful flat parcel with a view of Mount Hood. This park will have a pavilion with kitchen facilities that will be a perfect plan for weddings, family reunions, and birthdays. The vision/plan is for the community of Woodland to have a park with handicap accessible restrooms, that

everyone can enjoy.

We are also proud to share about our Christmas giving project that we have been doing. Every year we have provided supplies for making a Christmas dinner as well as wrapped gifts for each child in the family. This project has been a collaborative effort between the local food bank and our local schools who help us identify the families in greatest need. On average, we feed and care for 100 families in our little town of Woodland, WA. This year we have been provided an opportunity to expand our outreach in partnership with our local Safeway store that will be helping raise money for a ready-made holiday meal that will provide for around 250-300 families. We are very excited about this.

In summary, together, we stand-ready to serve. Our small Rotary Club of Woodland WA is here to help connect our community and the world.



# ROTARIAN DELIVERS AID TO VICTIMS OF OCTOBER HURRICAN/FLOOD IN MEXICO

BY MJ (MIKE) HAAS

Don MacPherson of the Rotary Club of Qualicum Beach Sunrise and his wife Janet are heading off to Mexico with several suitcases full of donated clothing and other essentials such as personal hygiene items, etc. This is in response to the flooding caused by the torrential rains that devastated the Cabo Corrientes area of Mexico in late September, early October. Our Club has a lot of history in this area, said Don.



Over the past 6-8 years, our partner Clubs and we have refurbished schools, constructed teacherages, washrooms, and commodores (covered eating areas), provided classroom furniture and equipment, so to see some of this devastation; it tugs at our heartstrings. Getting supplies into the area was very difficult after a bridge was swept away during the storm.

As the floodwaters eased, a human chain became the lifeline to bring much-needed supplies such as food and water to the stranded victims. Most homes in low lying areas were purged of their contents. It will take months, if not years, to recover from the devastation.

And so the big job of rebuilding begins. WestJet has been very kind in allowing the extra baggage and weight to travel free since it is for humanitarian purposes, and we thank them for partnering with us in that regard. Our Club also provided funding to purchase new mattresses. This is where Rotary can shine by being a major player in getting people's lives back together. For those Clubs who may have unallocated funds in their International Budgets, this might just be the humanitarian cause you've been looking to help.

For further information and how you can help, contact Don MacPherson at 250-738-2599 or [dhughmac@gmail.com](mailto:dhughmac@gmail.com)





# PARKLAND SPANAWAY “HOLY GUACAMOLE”

BY KEVIN G GLEIM

Parkland Spanaway Rotary recently held an open house event referred to as “Holy Guacamole” inviting community members to find out about the club and its impact locally and beyond.

Various fiesta food was enjoyed by all, and a few members provided homemade guacamole. Cathy Hamel gave us highlights of “Courage Classic,” a nearly 30-year bicycle event. Curt Patterson talked about Cross Park and its progress., and Kevin Gleim shared the history of our annual golf tournament to benefit The American Lake Veterans Golf Course.

Elsie Erlenmeyer was our spokesperson for “Relay for Life,” which our club holds the distinction of largest group fundraiser for our area. Julie Collison talked about our Christmas giving at the

annual Christmas meeting, where the club presents checks to nearly a dozen community groups.

Del Livingston gave us an update on the Friendly Water for Africa, Kenya Farm Project. Keith Galbraith presented a few examples of individual families that have been helped by the Family Renewal Shelter, where they take women and kids into hiding from serious domestic situations, and Dave Hall shared with us how our contribution to Shelter Box helps up to 10 families in times of natural disasters. Kirsten Stewart was a fantastic MC and asked of our guests to consider joining our club. We are a smaller club of around 40 members, and proud that three individuals have stepped up and are in the process of joining. We plan to do this type of event at least once per year.



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# **TACOMA SOUTH ROTARY HELPING TO CHANGE LIVES IN PIERCE COUNTY!**

BY RAMONA GAGNER

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## TACOMA SOUTH ROTARY HELPING TO CHANGE LIVES IN PIERCE COUNTY! BY RAMONA GAGNER

Thanks to Tacoma South Rotary's recent Aloha Golf Tournament Fundraiser, the Tacoma Rescue Mission is receiving crucial funds to help build and furnish a much-needed Women's Shelter. The Mission is one of many local non-profits that benefitted from the Hawaiian style, in-door Mini-Golf extravaganza held at the Harkness Furniture Store on October 25th, 2019.

The event crushed both attendance and fundraising goals! The largest turnout in 23 years was attended by compassionate community members who helped the chapter raise triple its fundraising goal to help multiple charities.

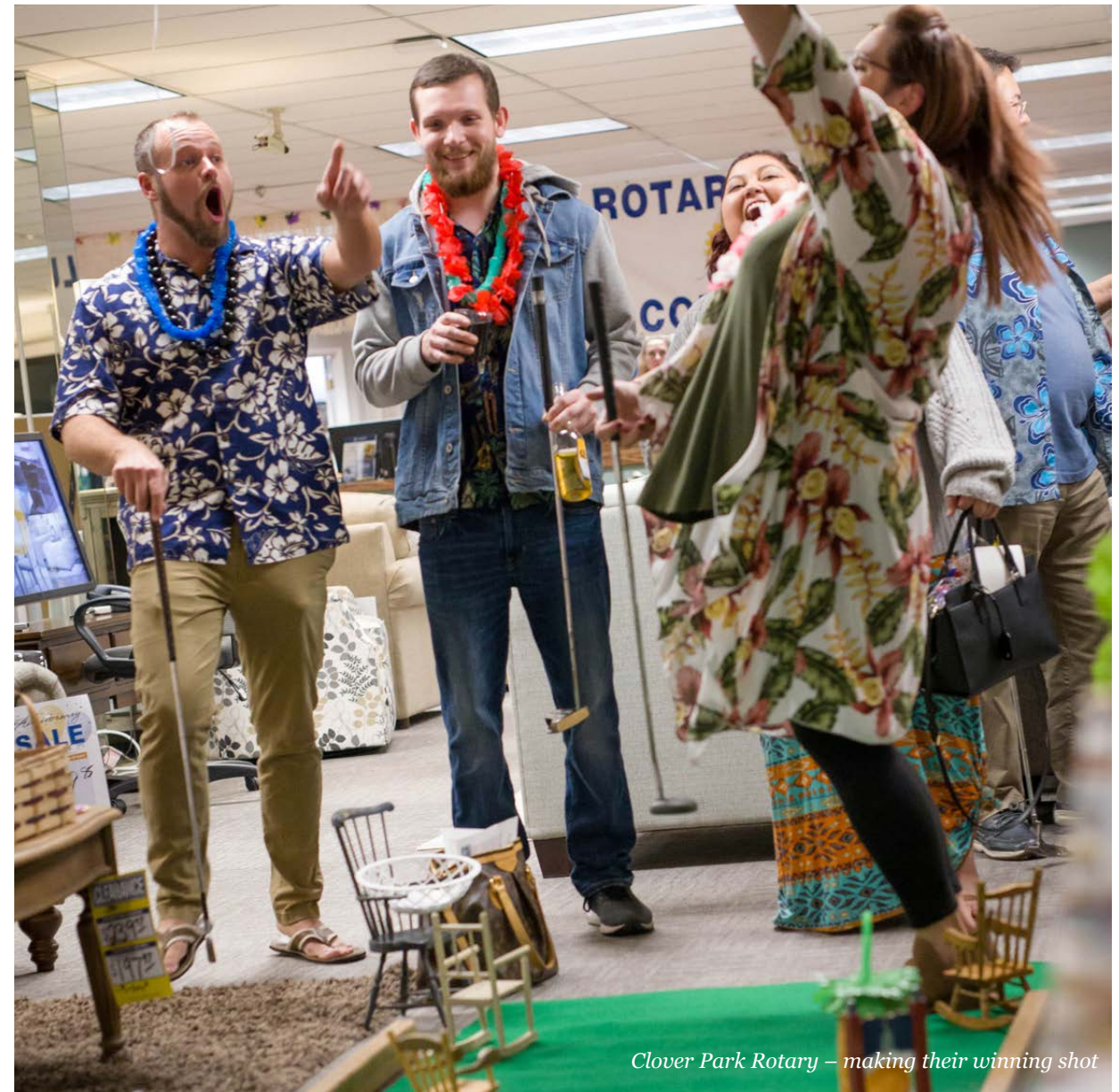
Guests from several Rotary clubs, including Clover Park, Lakewood, Parkland Spanaway, Passport, South Hill Puyallup, Sumner, Rotary 8, Graham/Fredrickson, and Tacoma North had a ball playing Hawaiian style Mini-Golf while swaying to the sounds of live music. The evening included a Hawaiian BBQ, scavenger hunt, photo booth, and fun Hawaiian décor courtesy of fellow Rotarian Yvette Barnes of Diamond Marketing & Photography. Most importantly, the event featured live and

silent auctions and a lively raise-the-paddle fundraiser.

Chapter president Cheryl Jenkins raised and championed the call to help women struggling with homelessness in our community. She challenged each event guest to pay forward their blessings by joining others in the community to help build a safe haven where vulnerable women can escape the terror and trauma of the streets. Deeply moved, compassionate Rotarians and attendees rose to the occasion and gave generously.

Fellow Rotarian Dave Harkness surprised everyone by announcing that he and his family were giving a special pay-it-forward gift to everyone in attendance. Each attendee received 5 McDonalds' gift cards to give to hurting and hungry neighbors living on the streets. Attached to each gift card was a laminated card that provided helpful information on how to get free resources, including food, shelter, and healthcare.

Event guests included two staff members of the Tacoma Rescue Mission - Duke Paulson, Executive Director, and Brenda Bacon,



*Clover Park Rotary – making their winning shot*



Manager of the New Life Recovery Program. Special guest speaker, Stefanie Glover, shared her struggles of what life used to be like when she lived on the streets. And how her life has been transformed thanks to the help and resources she received at The Tacoma Rescue Mission. Stefanie passionately shared how she is now working to give back to our community and help other women to escape homelessness and begin to thrive.

The Tacoma Rescue Mission is currently building an emergency shelter for women that it hopes to open by 4/1/20. The need is great. Each night over 400 women are left to fend for themselves on the streets due to lack of space. The women are vulnerable to the constant threat of predators, rape, and even death.

The new shelter will serve hundreds of women annually by providing safe refuge, warm beds, nourishing meals, and laundry services. Additionally, women can receive crucial resources such as job readiness training, addiction recovery, mental health counseling, and more to help them begin to rebuild their lives. The shelter will be a safe haven where women can be embraced at their darkest hour of need. A place where hope is renewed and lives are restored.

To learn more about the Tacoma Rescue Mission's women's shelter that the Tacoma South chapter is supporting, please visit [www.trm.org/pathway](http://www.trm.org/pathway) or email [WomenShelter@trm.org](mailto:WomenShelter@trm.org). Join your fellow Rotarians in making a difference. You can change lives!



*Clóver Park Rotary Winners of the Aloha Golf Tournament  
– Ian and Kate Billingsley and Chris and Ellie Carr*



# YOU HAVE STARS - RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE YOUR COMMUNITIES STARS

BY SHARON SHAFFER

As Rotarians, we all live by the mantra, “Service Above Self.” The three Gig Harbor Rotary Clubs have joined together to recognize our local non-Rotarian community STARS who emulate that same ideal of service. We three clubs share the same criteria for identifying our STAR recipients, one from each club. Ultimately, we seek those who have given exceptional local or world community service.

We honor these individuals at a fancy dinner ceremony. Ahead of time, we prepare a professional-grade video highlighting their active community service. After showing the video, each is presented a Paul Harris Award and a crystal trophy naming them as Star of the Year for Service Above Self.

We ask each recipient to designate a local charity or non-profit, and we donate up to \$1500 to each of their designated charities. Inevitably, those non-profits show up to honor the recipients, and the great name of Rotary expands.

We see this as a win/win/win/win. Local good

citizens, who serve, are not just admired; they are celebrated as Stars. Rotarians look beyond our good works to recognize the service of others in the community; Conversations abound about the names of locals who are doing great things; just because they want to do great things for the communities that they love. AND, Local Rotary clubs join together on a common mission of recognizing our Stars.

2018 was our tenth anniversary of celebrating our local STARS as a three-club team. When this award was initiated 25 years ago, our clubs operated singly. In the typical Rotary fashion of recognizing great deeds, one club gave the “Person of the Year” Award. The next club gave the “Business Person of the Year” award. A third club gave the “Service Above Self” award. Ten years ago, our three different clubs’ honors melded into one common celebration, and four years ago, we “Rotaried” the award to our mantra, and all agreed on the common STAR of the Year...Service Above Self Award.

Do not just admire your Community Stars, Recognize and Celebrate them!





# CHRISTMAS PROMISE BIKE BUILD 2019

BY LEANNA CHRISTIAN

The Rotary Club of Lakewood had 11 volunteers join forces with DM Recycling, LeMay, Waste Connections and others around the South Puget Sound at the Christmas Promise Bike Build. The group put together 550 bikes on Saturday November 9, 2019 in less than two hours. The bikes are for children in the local communities.

This event has been a LeMay tradition for over 19 years in which the Rotary Club of Lakewood joined 5 years ago. In that time, 130 bikes have been given to deserving kids in the Clover Park School District. The kids also get a helmet and bike lock.

35 of this year's bikes are slated for the Clover Park School District. On December 16, the Rotary Club of Lakewood will come together again to give these bikes away in our very own community. It has been shared that there is nothing quite as touching as seeing the kids' smiles (and tears) when there is a Santa Claus after all.

Join us every Friday at 12pm at the Tacoma Golf and Country Club in Lakewood, WA.



*The “Steves” of the Rotary Club of Lakewood, Steve and Anne Enquist and Steve Mazoff*



*Charlene Miseli and her daughter Amy working directly with one of our newest members, David Swindale*



# FUNDRAISING FOR THE ROTARY GARDENS AT COWICHAN HOSPICE HOUSE IS IN FULL SWING

BY GERRY BELTGENS

In late 2018 the Rotary Clubs of Duncan, Duncan Daybreak, Ladysmith, Chemainus, and South Cowichan teamed up to raise the money to build the Cowichan Hospice House Gardens. Led by AG Gay Wise and president Gerry Giles of the Rotary Club of South Cowichan, they are now more than a third of the way towards the \$325,000.00 in cash and in kind. The Clubs are working hard to have the funds in place when the construction on the main buildings are complete. Giles said, “As a long-time resident of the Cowichan Valley, I am delighted to see a Hospice House for the Cowichan Valley move forward, and I am thrilled to see

the five Rotary Clubs in the Cowichan Valley partner in building the Rotary Gardens at Cowichan Hospice House.”

Funds have been raised through revolving Garage Sales, Beer and Burger Nights, Music Events, a huge Barn Dance, and events hosted by the Valley’s Kitchen Sisters. Several other events are planned, including an “Artists for Hospice” show and gala opening in February at the Ladysmith Art Gallery.

Presently the Clubs are holding a Rotary Dream Vacation Raffle in support of Cowichan Hospice Society Programs.

There are 20,000 tickets available, and they are selling like hotcakes. First Prize is a European River Cruise for two. Second Prize is a Mexican Holiday for two. Third Prize is two tickets to anywhere WestJet flies. An Early Bird Draw will be held on February 15, 2020, for a \$3999.00 diamond ring, and the Grand Prize Draw will be April 15, 2020.

“Rotary’s Dream Vacation Raffle is a fantastic opportunity not only to win some fabulous prizes but also to support the Cowichan Hospice Society in the wonderful work they do,” said Giles. “Tickets are only \$10 each, and to get yours, please contact

[info@southcowichanrotary.org](mailto:info@southcowichanrotary.org) or any Rotarian from the five Cowichan Valley Rotary Clubs.”

The Gardens were designed by LEEDS award winning LADR Landscape Architects, and the landscaping will be overseen by Living Stones Landscaping. The Sod turning event was held on July 18, and construction is well under way on the site at 250 Cairnsmore Street in Duncan. The sod-turning event was preceded by prayers, singing, and dancing by local Cowichan First Nations and speeches by elders. Construction is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2020.







# SOUTH HILL ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE

BY BOBBI STEPHENS

As the holidays approach, it's a time of giving! On November 7th, South Hill Rotary collaborated with Windermere Professional Partners and Cascade Regional Blood Services of Puyallup and hosted a blood drive.

Members from both Rotary and WPP signed up to save lives! The mobile blood truck parked in

the parking lot of the Windermere office from 3 pm-6 p,m where members gave together and then enjoyed a slice of pie afterwards.

The theme of the blood drive was, "A Slice for Life." November and December are slow months for the blood bank, and that is why we chose this time to give to the community!



# WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE ROTARY CLUB OF CAMPBELL RIVER

BY AMY STEVENSON

For the last few years, our Projects have been in Nepal, using the format of Mobile Medical camps to provide needed services to remote villages, each with also a special area of focus for women or children.

Before 2016, the Rotary Club of Campbell River had an active World Community Service Committee, was active in the MidIsland Group of Rotary Club World Community Service committees and was supporting various international projects of other regional clubs. Inspired by the new Partnership Agreement between Rotary Canada and the Government of Canada that provided significant funding for Canadian Rotary club Global Grant projects that met a broad acceptance criteria, the club began to take on its Global Grant as International Partner.

We first partnered with Nepal clubs in 2016 to do mobile medical camps with a focus on women's reproductive health with screening for cervical cancer and screening and treatment for uterine prolapse, a debilitating and life-changing condition for rural women.

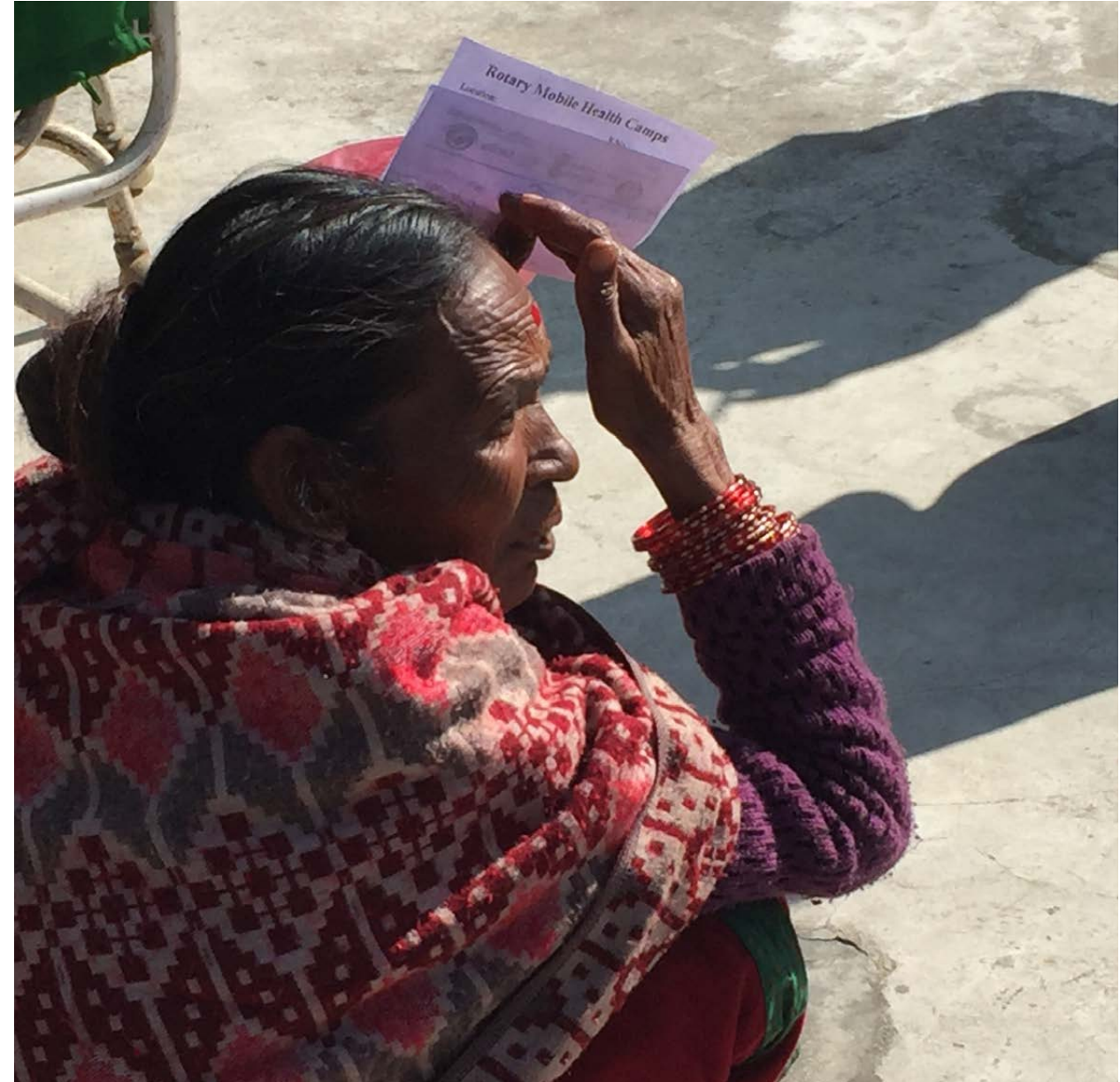






This project leveraged off a successful project done a few years earlier with a German Rotary club and the Nepal Rotary Club of Dhulikhel. The camps began in 2017, and also included broader treatment for villagers, to more fully address the needs of remote villages. Under this project, 47 single-day camps were conducted in various villages of 5 Districts in Nepal. Over 12,000 patients were examined for eye checks, ear/nose/throat (ENT), dental, orthopedic, and gynecology, 670 women were screened for cervical cancer, and 79 women were referred for 3rd-degree uterine prolapse surgery. The transportation to and from the hospital and the corrective uterine prolapse surgery was also included in the Project.

Site participation in the 2017 project camps revealed how effective the mobile medical camp approach was in Nepal and the extent of the broader need. In our next Global Grant in 2018, we continued the mobile medical camp format, with a focus on finding and treating disabled children in remote regions, treating what was possible at the camps, and then arranging for required surgeries. Our Campbell River club partnered again with the Rotary Club of Dhulikhel and also with the Nepal Hospital for Rehabilitation of Disabled Children (HRDC) in Banepa. Between April





and November 2018, Rotarians and Doctors from Nepalese hospitals and the HRDC traveled on rough roads to remote villages, to conduct camps to screen children with disabilities, treat what was possible to treat on-site, conduct education and training, and plan for transportation and the required corrective surgeries. At completion, the project provided life-changing surgeries for 52 disabled children with assistive devices provided for another 30 children, and 150 children received comprehensive intervention for improved mobility.

Inspired again by the significant need found in the most remote camps conducted in 2018, in the Mugu district, and the continued existence of the Government of Canada Partnership Agreement funding, the Campbell River club

is again finalizing a Global Grant for another mobile medical camp focussed again on finding and treating disabled children in more of the remote Mugu area that was found in the previous camp, plus other villages in the very remote region in Western Nepal. The connections within the Vancouver Island Rotary community proved invaluable as there was local ability and interest from the Comox Rotary Club, working with ReStor Canada, to participate in medical camps and disabled children surgeries with Canadian medical personnel. A very exciting development! We are hopeful for approval of this next Global Grant and look forward to lots of 5020 active participation in Nepal this Spring for our most comprehensive project yet, with many children served and lasting medical training benefits as well.







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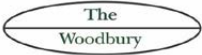
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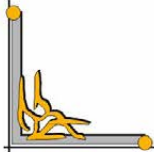


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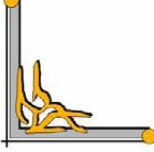


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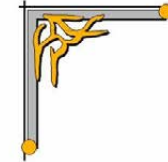


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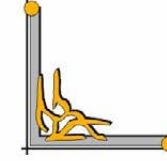
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