



## What's Going on in Rotary

### World Wide



**Wilfrid J. Wilkinson**, 2007-08 RI president, has launched the new Rotary year as the year to "say yes to Rotary." The RI theme, *Rotary Shares*, is a reflection of his commitment to share Rotary with others through service and recruiting new members.

Wilkinson, a member of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Ontario, Canada, sees the concept of sharing as a motivating force behind Rotary work. "In choosing this theme, I thought about how much of Rotary is about sharing. We share our time, we share our talents, we share our money with others who need our help," he told incoming district governors at the 2007 International Assembly in February.

"In Rotary, sharing doesn't mean giving away what you have to spare, what you don't need for yourself," he explained. "Sharing means giving of yourself, selflessly, for the good of others."

Wilkinson has chosen to continue immediate past president Bill Boyd's emphases of water, health and hunger, literacy, and family of Rotary. "These basic needs have been at the forefront of Rotary's efforts for several years now," he says. "And I hope that they will continue, because with clean water, good health, and the ability to read and write, so many of the people who need help will find the ability to help themselves."

### Clint's Corner ROTARACT CLUBS

According to Rotary International, "Organizing a Rotaract Club is one of the most rewarding activities a Rotary Club can undertake in its community. The Rotaract program gives Rotarians the opportunity to mentor dynamic young women and men interested in providing service to their own communities as well as the global community. In turn, a Rotaract Club can bring new energy to a Rotary Club, inspire fresh ideas for service, increase support for projects, and help develop future Rotary Club members."

Rotaract Clubs consist of women and men age 18-30 residing, employed or studying in the vicinity of the organizing Rotary Club. They are self-governed and largely self-financed at the local level. They work in cooperation with the sponsoring Rotary Club as partners in service. All Rotaract Clubs undertake three types of activities: professional development, leadership development and service. Each Rotaract Club has a Board consisting of a president, immediate past president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and other officers as deemed necessary. A club needs to have at least 15 members to be formed. All Rotaract Clubs operate under standard Rotaract Club Constitution prescribed by Rotary International.

### Upcoming Events

### In Our District

#### District Governor Don Gregory

July is membership month throughout the Rotary world so let's "Share Rotary" by focusing on membership development.

Recently, the National Geographic Channel ran a special entitled "Planet Earth." Hundreds of painstaking hours were spent by photographers with "High Definition" cameras capturing breathtaking footage of the wonders of this planet, over, on and beneath the earth's surface. Clips showed remote areas never before captured by camera as well as animals, birds and fish that occupy some of these areas. In some instances, this documentary noted the sad, near extinction of some of the species photographed. Not only were the beauties of some of these creatures noted, but, more importantly the role they play in the earth's eco-system. The cause of the extinction is very similar for all of these creatures; the inability to adapt to changes in their environments.

Decades ago the "species" now known internationally as Rotary was formed when a small group of Chicago businessmen, met together in pursuit of common community goals. Out of those small beginnings has grown an organization today of approximately 1.2 million members belonging to over 32,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic regions bound together in such worthy projects as the eradication of polio worldwide, the elimination of hunger in our communities, the promotion of literacy and providing clean clear water to every living being. Our district is no exception when it comes to participation in these outstanding programs. However, when you compare the 55 clubs and the 3363 members in District 5030 to the population of the Puget Sound, I hope that you see the vast potential for good that is untapped. Of equal concern must always be the possibility that if we fail to adapt to our ever changing environment, we face being able to do even less than we've been doing.

At the start of this new Rotary year, I would challenge each Rotarian to share the service opportunities of Rotary with those who are not currently participating. I am introducing the four "R's" of Rotary to help each of us to strengthen our clubs and membership district wide. They are: Recruitment, Retention, Regeneration and Rejuvenation.

### Today's Program

**Dave Lindstrom** showed a film of his 2006 trip to Panama, at which more than 100 wheel chairs were delivered in conjunction with the Mill Creek and Panama Rotary clubs. One in particular was taken by dugout canoe to a boy who had spent 9 years in a hammock in a remote village.

"The experience is so rewarding and life-changing," said Dave. He urged our club to raise more funds for next year's possible wheel chair mission to Guatemala or Honduras.

### Upcoming Programs

July 10 – Pike Place Market Foundation – Jackson Schmidt  
July 17 – Ethiopia Update  
July 24 – Music Program – Floyd McCracken

### In Our Club

**Jim Marich** was honored at the July 3 club meeting at the new venue (CCMV) for 25 years of writing the Dawn. A third sapphire was added to his Paul Harris Fellow pin in gratitude and a poem in tribute to Jim written by **Greg Asimakoupoulos** was read by the Rev.

It now takes multiple members to do the job Jim did so faithfully.

Newsletter committee members **Tony Vedrich & Steve Webert**, co-chairs, **Pat Turner, Nancy Hilliard, Mary Kraft, John Frazier, Brian Comstock, John Nelson** and **Dave Helsby** will pitch in.

New President **Bo Darling** announced the resignation of **Marv Anthony**, who's moving to California; that 96 of the 141 members have paid dues (reminder to others); that Tuesday, July 10, at 7:30 a.m. is the board meeting; Saturday, July 14, is *First Harvest*, also July 14 at 10 a.m. to noon at the MI Library is an important PR-related workshop sponsored by District 5030; Sunday, July 15, is the Rotary Pancake Breakfast, for which **Craig Clampitt** needs 50 workers and all of us to sell at least 10 tickets at \$5.

We cheered for **Jim Trombold's** birthday and **Ruth Brook's** 90th; the Sommers' son Jim off to a Rotary exchange; **Scott Bowen's** son **Adam** is going to Switzerland; **Brent Fowler's** third day of married life; **Pat Turner's** son graduated with a degree in political science; and another round in behalf of the *Rotary Rockettes'* performance at the recent changeover dinner..

At the June 28 Changeover dinner, Past President **John Matthews** related: Jean Field, MIHS main office secretary for nine years, has been instrumental in "Fielding" the selection of the *Islanders of the Month* - the nominations and choice process, arranging mentor-teachers, filling out the award certificate, and getting all to Rotary meetings for recognition.

The Rotary Club sought a way to recognize this servant who shuns fanfare.

So, at the last MIHS staff meeting of the year, the club's officers crept in and made her a Paul Harris Fellow - for which \$1,000 is donated to humanitarian projects in Field's honor. About 100 of her colleagues gave her a standing ovation, and several of her family members emerged from hiding to share the moment. Kudos to Principal **John Harrison** who helped pull off this secret maneuver. Field was flabbergasted.

Also at the changeover dinner, Matthews honored his wife, **Mary Ellen**, with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

### Milestones

#### Birthdays

**Jim Trombold** - July 4  
**Brian Jennison** - July 6  
**John Naye** - July 7

#### Rotary Anniversaries

**Reid Morgan** - 40 years  
**Ed Morgan** - 29 years  
**Denny Morrison** - 27 years  
**Dick Martin** - 11 years  
**Gay Brook** - 1 year

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