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DG MIKE – NOVEMBER IS “OUR” FOUNDATION MONTH

Our district kicked off the first day of this month with a concurrent Foundation and Membership seminar in High River. The connection between these two topics is that we need more hands to **Lend A Hand** to The Rotary Foundation.

The year I was 12 years old it was a very hot summer; a time for children to swim, play games and enjoy the long evenings out of doors. Then a Fear swept through our community – the Fear of Polio. Mothers were fearful for their children's safety and the swimming pools were empty. Our summer enjoyment was curtailed. For some it was very much worse, for they contracted the virus.

The lead taken by The Rotary Foundation to eradicate the scourge of Polio from the world, means the fearful disease will not return to my part of the world. That a service organization of volunteers could mount such an ambitious international health campaign is quite remarkable and we should be very proud of our accomplishment. Over 2 billion children have been immunized. Yet, on September the 16th of this year there were 335 cases of wild poliovirus in 6 Asian / African countries and 7 importation cases of Polio. To fulfill the Rotary promise to the children of the world, Rotarians must continue the fight and to do so I ask you to please give your support to Polio Plus.

The Foundation is also the engine that drives the international programs of Rotary clubs and districts. These are the annual funding of:

Educational Programs -1,200 Ambassadorial Scholars, 70 Rotary Peace Scholars, 500 Group Study Exchange Teams, Rotary Grants for University Teachers.

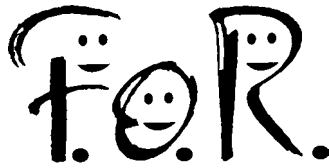
Humanitarian Grants - *District Simplified Grants* for local projects, the *Individual Grants* for Rotarians to travel to humanitarian service projects abroad, and *Matching Grants* for club and district World Community Service projects with clubs in other countries.

The fuel oil for the engine is us, the Rotarians. We ask every one of you to please consider becoming a Sustaining Member by committing to a regular contribution every year to the Foundation.

GOVERNOR'S TRAVELS

Governor Mike's official visits to the clubs have continued, and 44 of the 47 are now completed. In addition, he enjoyed participating in the broadcast during the Drumheller Radio Days auction; attending the elegant Calgary club's President's Ball; Calgary Millennium's very fine Black Tie Bingo; the 60th Anniversary of the Veterans Guard of Canada, held at the cairn erected by the Kananaskis club; the district Family Day presented by the Kananaskis club; and sitting in on the committee selecting the Group Study Exchange team leader to Ukraine.

DRUM ROLL, PLEASE!!



FAMILY OF ROTARY
District #5360

The logo for #5360's "Family of Rotary" initiative was unveiled! We extend a big "thank you" to Rotarian Jack DeHeer of the Lethbridge Rotary Club. As the owner of Graphcom Printers Ltd. he donated the time and talent of graphic artist Judy Westcott to do the artwork and electronic version of our design idea.

We realize that our families are an important support to the work of Rotary. We also recognize that our Club members constitute our "extended family" of service, which binds us together in a special way. Following the lead of President Majiyagbe, we pay tribute to the unique privilege of being part of the Rotary Family.

- Bev Thornton, Chair of District 5360 Family of Rotary committee

DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

District 5360 has embarked on a programme to develop a Strategic Plan for the District's Administration. In this context the District Administration comprises the officers, officials, and committees set up to support the work of the clubs and meet the requirements of Rotary International. Most districts have their own individual Strategic Plans. Although similar in concept each District Plan is unique in detail and is most helpful in ensuring continuity as the district and its officers move from year to year.

A committee of seven has been formed for the initial work comprising District Governors past, present and future together with current District Officers. Initial discussions will centre around the development of a District Vision, Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives, Plans by which these goals will be achieved and the Organisation necessary to carry them out.

Although, at least initially, the Plan will be developed by the Strategic Planning Committee, input is both needed and requested from all clubs and their Rotarians. Strategic Plans of this nature are not developed in isolation but must respond to the expressed needs of all its stakeholders.

All clubs, if they have not already done so, are encouraged to develop their own Strategic Plan. The Plan identifies the club's own aspirations for the near, medium and long term. Eventually there will be a need to ensure that District and Club Plans are complementary and that there are no obvious conflicts.

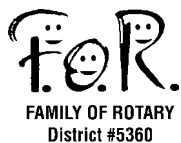
To facilitate feedback from Rotarians your district is developing a dedicated 'Discussion Group' on the Internet. Some preliminary investigations and trials have been initiated by our Webmaster Roger Hough. We hope that by the time of the next District Newsletter we will have a system up and running to allow for your participation.

- David Elson, District Secretary

High River celebrates 75 years of distinguished service

Congratulations to the High River club on the 75th anniversary of your charter and for the grand dinner held on October 25th. The keynote speaker chosen was the one the club sponsored to the Adventures in Citizenship week in Ottawa in 1956. The name? The Rt Hon Joe Clark, Prime Minister of Canada 1979-1980. Also of note, three generations of Marshalls served as club president: Bill 1930 - 31, Grant 1978 - 79 and Tony 1994-95.

FAMILY DAY



Well, the first District #5360 "Family Day" in Kananaskis on 25 October 2003 was a sparkling success!

With the leadership of club President Dave Thomas, and the organizational talent of Moira Scullion, we were hosted to a day of spectacular mountain beauty, warm hospitality and just fun getting to know each other. Fourteen families from around the district attended, which made a total of 51 people: 24 adults, including 2 of our exchange students, and 27 children and grandchildren



Dancing after dinner

The program of events included a snow-making demonstration at Nakiska, a tour through the fire hall and emergency services, and a fascinating talk about the world of bears and people... bear bells NOT recommended! Additional activities included walking, hiking, bike riding and just sitting in the sun or listening to Rotarian Truman play the piano in the elegant lobby of the Lodge!

The day ended with a splendid supper buffet and an evening of laughter and visiting, while the children ran and played and had a great time! An impressive highlight involved all shapes and sizes of folks doing the chicken dance! What a lot of positive energy and shared fellowship.

Thanks to the Kananaskis Rotary Club, and to all the families who attended, for making this event so memorable.

- Bev Thornton, Chair of District 5360 Family of Rotary committee



lot

Julie enjoying dessert



Members of the Family of Rotary from Pincher Creek, Calgary, Germany, Switzerland and Nakiska

District 5360 Attendance for October 2003

Club	Members	Attendance %
Airdrie	41	76.97
Banff	46	67.69
Brooks	34	80.67
Calgary	291	61.18
Calgary Centennial	48	72.61
Calgary Chinook	85	67.28
Calgary Crowchild	18	96.88
Calgary East	34	85.22
Calgary Fish Creek	18	73.33
Calgary Heritage Park	46	84.29
Calgary Millennium	25	80.00
Calgary North	59	81.48
Calgary Olympic	39	59.41
Calgary Sarcee	27	63.08
Calgary South	181	81.20
Calgary West	88	70.00
Canmore	82	71.28
Cardston	*	*
Coaldale	*	*
Cochrane	*	*
Drumheller	42	81.30
Fort Macleod	26	74.17
High River	75	62.46
Innisfail	53	66.96
Kananaskis	*	*
Kindersley	16	66.25
Lacombe	52	85.65
Lethbridge	122	60.50
Lethbridge East	*	*
Lethbridge Sunrise	28	65.71
Maple Creek	17	87.50
Medicine Hat	95	84.47
Medicine Hat Saamis	22	67.62
Medicine Hat Sunrise	31	81.67
Okotoks	*	*
Olds	33	78.75
Pincher Creek	45	63.11
Ponoka	*	*
Raymond	16	70.31
Red Deer	134	76.23
Red Deer East	47	83.89
Red Deer Sunrise	35	78.86
Rocky Mountain House	17	72.00
Stettler	49	75.89
Swift Current	*	*
Sylvan Lake	29	55.17
Taber	14	62.50

CRYSIS for Literacy

A responsibility of Rotary

In Canada approximately 30% of the population can be identified as unable to function adequately in reading and writing skills. The statistic does not include those unable to work with numbers. This is a tremendous loss of working people to our nation.

We know today education is a pre-requisite to success. Rotary has the means to deal with the problem of our youth staying in school and preparing for life through **CRYSIS** – our *Rotary Stay In School Initiative for Literacy*.

Rotarians as leaders must share their success in life and expertise in their classification occupations. We can do so by simply being available to sit with youth to help them with their subject matter, and thereby assure them that they are important and capable of succeeding. Rotarians have built the prestige in their occupation and their community to be impressive on young minds.

To do this you can contact a school and ask to arrange with the Principal to **Lend A Hand** to assist the youth that need a little help to **STAY IN SCHOOL**.

The district has the experience and resources to help you or you club make a big difference to our youth - Don Campbell, national chair, CRYSIS.

Congratulations to Joe Hrankowski (RC Medicine Hat) on being chosen to lead our GSE Team to Ukraine in May of 2004.

