



SERVICE Above Self

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Rotary International Sites

www.rotary.org

www.rotaryzone22.org

www.rotary5360.ca

District 5360 Points of Interest

www.rotary5360.ca

Go Site Links, click on OI/District 2006 Dominican Republic Insight Trip

www.rotary5360.ca

District Assembly Presentations Ready for Downloading

www.rotary5360.ca

Hurricane Katrina Opportunities to Help!

Share the Moments-September is New Generations Month

When Marie and I moved to Calgary in 1982 there were many people who shared their homes and lives with us. Marie found a way to say thanks by hosting a Christmas Eve supper for friends whom she called "strays", who either did not have family in town or were not doing anything on Christmas Eve. This, over time, became a tradition which has carried on for more than twenty years. I believe that this is an example of the ideal of giving back or, as some refer to it as, service that is at the heart of Rotary and the fellowship Rotary offers.

Our family has grown up in the midst of this fellowship and as they mature our children are finding their own ways of giving back. When Jennifer and I returned from a Microcredit insight tour to Costa Rica in 2000 she found herself on TV making other children aware of what there was to do in developing countries. She said "when I saw the poverty I realized how nearly perfect my life was here in Canada".

Now it is time for Marie and our other daughter Anna to take in an insight tour, this time to the Dominican Republic in February 2006. While others are welcome it is the bond experienced between parent/child travelers that I find most rewarding. Our District Microcredit chair person, Mike French has the upcoming tour details.

Share your memories of how new generations have been introduced to the very rewarding world of service with our editor Marie at marie@rickard.ca. Perhaps if there are enough replies a section of the best stories will be included in a upcoming edition of the DG's Newsletter. Rotary International has designated September as "New Generations" month which is all about helping subsequent generations see the power and accomplishment of "Service above Self".

Rotary Needs You(th)

Look at the many Rotary programs serving youth and young adults, and you might get the impression that Rotary is a youthful organization. But look in on many Rotary meetings, and the perception might be totally different, for the median age of Rotarians typically appears to be anything but youthful (with apology to those clubs that do in fact have younger members).

ROTARY AT A GLANCE:

Rotarians: 1,221,667*

Clubs: 32,292

Districts: 529

Countries: 168

Rotaractors: 180,987**

Clubs: 7,869

Countries: 158

Interactors: 233,680**

Clubs: 10,160

Countries: 118

*Data as of 31 May, 2005

**Data as of 31 March, 2005

DISTRICT 5360 AT A GLANCE:

Rotarians: 2324

Clubs: 47

Rotaractors: 125*

Clubs: 2*

Interactors: 125*

Clubs: 9*

*Approximate numbers only

Youth Exchange Students

Outbound Students: 20

Inbound Students: 22

RYPEN Reports September 15-18

Herky Cutler has just submitted the evaluations from the 72 students who attended the Rotary Youth Enrichment Camp. 98% of the students rated the weekend camp as good or excellent.

September is New Generations Month, previously known as Youth Activities Month. RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar wrote in the current issue of *The Rotarian* that "We could just as well call September the month of our future, because investing in our youth is our future." His emphasis was on four programs serving young people - Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Youth Exchange.

Interact Clubs, typically on high school campuses, introduce students ages 14-18 to the concepts of civic responsibility and community service. There are more than 10,000 Interact Clubs in 118 countries, with about 234,000 members.

Rotaract Clubs can be college or community based, and have a membership ages 18-30. They assume more independent organizational structure, emphasize career preparation and professional development, and take on more ambitious civic projects. With more than 180,000 members, they are organized in nearly 8,000 clubs in 158 countries.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is devoted to leadership development, with training seminars managed by a Rotary district or by multiple districts.

Youth Exchange facilitates international living in a Rotarian home for students ages 15-19, immersing them in a cultural experience that can range from two weeks to a full year.

In addition to these emphases of the RI President, additional Rotary programs serve young adults.

Group Study Exchange offers young professionals, two years or more into a career, an international cultural awareness, as counterpart teams visit each other's country in a district-to-district pairing.

Ambassadorial Scholars are sponsored by Rotary for a year – sometimes multi-year – study opportunity in a college or university of another country.

Rotary Centers for International Studies, the newest of the programs, offers a select group of outstanding scholars the opportunity to pursue the study of international peace and conflict resolution.

On the other hand, these excellent Rotary-sponsored programs for young people cannot obscure the reality that many of our Rotary Clubs are failing to enlist younger professionals who should be invited to membership. As a district governor recently put it, Rotarians are generous with sharing our money and our time, but less generous in sharing the privileges and opportunities that come with Rotary membership.

The numbers speak for themselves. Worldwide, only 11 percent of Rotarians are under the age of 40, and 32 percent under the age of 50. On the other hand, 39 percent are age 60 and above.

Older Rotarians with many years of Rotary service bring to their clubs the benefits of accumulated wisdom and experience, and that is of inestimable value. But it is younger members who bring

The students were asked what they learned, the organizers got a variety of answers. Consider these lessons as a contribution to a teen's life.

- to be more open
- to never give up
- believe in yourself
- not to judge
- to take risks
- work as a team
- step out of my comfort zone
- be more self-confident
- to trust people more
- consider others

NEW GENERATIONS ROTARY CLUB

PDG Cec Blackburn for District 5370, and Zone 22 Membership Coordinator wrote an interesting article on The Rotary Club of Urban Spirits, in Edmonton. This New Generations Club started with a group of young urban professionals who want to make a difference. Go to www.clubrunner.ca/zone22 to read the article. Perhaps Extension of Rotary looks like this group in a venue with drinks and oeuvre d'hors after work at 5:00 PM.



Exchange Student at Waterton

vitality, enthusiasm, and new ideas – without which clubs are in danger of growing stagnant.

Rotary clubs are to be commended for programs serving non-Rotarian young people. But parallel to that, Rotary must enlist younger members, for to paraphrase the RI president, that is our future. *Written by Frank Deaver, Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, USA, Submitted by Adolf Seiler, AG, Rotary Club of Medicine Hat*

TIPS FROM THE PRESIDENTS

WHY, WHEN AND HOW OF THE CLUB ASSEMBLY

At President Elect Training in Calgary, Presidents were asked to brainstorm answers to the topic above. Here are their comments:

- ❖ Be Efficient With Your Member's Time
- ❖ Have Directors Speak As Leaders
- ❖ One Main Speaker To Make Things Flow (President)
- ❖ Schedule One Assembly At the Beginning Of The Year
- ❖ Make This Meeting At A Different Time Or Day (Like 5th Wednesday)
- ❖ Have One Assembly Per Quarter
- ❖ See This As An Opportunity For Continuing Rotary Education
- ❖ Conduct One A Year Like An Annual General Meeting
- ❖ Use Assemblies For Open Communication For Membership
- ❖ Important To Have An Agenda And Stick To It
- ❖ Do Not Dwell On Negatives, Encourage Solutions
- ❖ Have Three Breaks for Thirty Second Jokes

Scene Around The District



Calgary South Creates A Weekend At Waterton To Remember

*Waterton Peace Pavilion
Dedication*

Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Pledge/Sept 18, 2005

With clasped hands across the ribbon which symbolizes the border between Canada & the United States of America, the following pledge was restated by all people in attendance, Canadian and American

Participants: "In the name of God, we will not take up arms against each other, we will work for peace, maintain liberty, strive for freedom and demand equal opportunities for all mankind. May the long existing peace between our two nations stimulate other peoples to follow this example. We thank Thee O'God."

American Rotarians: May the Lord watch between me and thee.

Canadian Rotarians: While we are absent one from the other.

Amen

District Trophies

Plan on Getting One of These This Rotary Year

Awarded this April at District 5360's Conference at the Westin Hotel, Calgary April 28-30, 2006

Club Attendance

Conference Attendance

Membership Increase

Club Publicity

Club Project

Club Program

Club RI Contribution

Club Youth Program



Thanks to the Rotary Club of Calgary South and Earl Huson, (picture left) conference chairperson for hosting an amazing weekend at the 73rd Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Sept. 16-18, 2005. This weekend brought together three districts (5360, 5370, & 5390) to celebrate the peace that the US and Canada enjoy. Special guest speakers included the Honorable Norman L. Kwong, Lieutenant Governor for Alberta, and the Honorable Jack Bohlinger, the Lieutenant Governor for the State of Montana and past Rotary International Director John Eberhard from London, Ontario.

Flood Relief In India



A Proud Rotary Club of Lethbridge East with Zahra

Rotary Youth Exchange student Zahra Stark, (third from the right) sponsored by The Rotary Club of Lethbridge East, arrived in Thane, India, in July 2005. Within the first week of her exchange, India was hit with the most severe weather conditions for 100 years. Zahra experienced first hand the storm and the effects of Mother Nature. She was so moved by what she saw, she felt compelled to help. Zahra emailed her home club and asked for financial support that could be used to help in relief efforts.

The club members were so impressed by Zahra's maturity, that they enthusiastically collected donations, which were then matched by the club. This money has been forwarded on Zahra's behalf to District 3140 for relief work. The club is delighted that Zahra has taken this opportunity to work within the Family of Rotary. We are pleased to see Zahra demonstrating that she truly understands, "Service above Self".

Submitted by Bev Lanz, Outbound Counselor, Rotary Club of Lethbridge East

Follow-up To Picture In August Edition Of This Newsletter:



"Collector Car" Fellowship

Al Hardstaff from the Rotary Club of Heritage Park intends to start a "Collector Car" Fellowship in District 5360. Al would like to collect names of those with collector cars as well as those who may not have what they consider a "collector car" but are interested in the fellowship. Al has volunteered to update and distribute the list. He is looking at booking "collector car" meetings at clubs in the district and perhaps arranging out-of-town meetings where fellowship members drive in convoys to the event.

Contact Al Hardstaff at

(403) 259-4764 or

E-mail: idaal@shaw.ca

Note From The Editor: We would be pleased to include club highlights (limited to 100 words please) or events of interest to the district that you want to showcase. Please submit to the editor at marie@rickard.ca by the 1st of each month

Rotarians Re-Climb Mount Davidson



Geoffrey Lampard, Dr. Bob Lampard, Tom Keenan, Tom Morgan

On July 31, 2004, a small but determined group of J.W. Davidson aficionados re-climbed Mount Davidson in honor of the Centennial Year of Rotary and of Alberta. The expedition was organized by Dr. Bob Lampard of the Rotary Club of Red Deer, and also included his son Geoffrey, Exchange Student to Turkey in 2004-5, Tom Keenan of the Rotary Club of Calgary and Tom's friend, Mike Morgan. Bill McTaggart of the Rotary Club of Red Deer set up a terrific base camp but was unable to join the climb.

The climbers report that the cairn at the top is still in good shape and Tom added the Rotary Club of Calgary Banner to reflect the second climb. According to the log book in the cairn capsule, only one other group has reached the summit since the original "first documented climb" by a group of Rotarians, most of whom did it by helicopter, in 2003. Bob, Geoff, Tom and Mike completed the climb in about 12 hours round trip as a single day adventure.

Submitted by Tom Keenan, Rotary Club of Calgary

With Fond Memories....In tribute to Harold Sharlow, Member of the Rotary Club of Calgary West who loved to sing and compose new lyrics to old tunes. Harold passed away on September 24, 2005.

These lyrics were written to the tune of "Pack Up Your Troubles" on the occasion of District Governor Steve Rickard's Official Visit to Rotary Club of Calgary West, August 12, 2005

Lift up your spirits like a big balloon,

And smile, smile, smile;

Fun with a purpose is our theme this year,

Smile folks, that's the style.

What's the use of worrying?

It never was worthwhile.

So, have fun together, and accomplish things,

And smile, smile, smile!

Thanks, Harold

For Making Rotary...Fun With A Purpose!

District 5360 Attendance Statistics for August 2005

Club	Members	Attendance %
Airdrie	39	75.00
Brooks	35	72.66
Calgary	285	52.00
Calgary Centennial	40	66.84
Calgary Chinook	84	64.87
Calgary Crowchild	18	74.44
Calgary East	30	80.21
Calgary Fish Creek	20	68.89
Calgary Heritage Park	38	68.42
Calgary Millennium	19	66.32
Calgary North	62	70.50
Calgary Sarcee	25	64.00
Calgary South	185	76.54
Calgary West	86	71.75
Cochrane	37	68.33
Drumheller	36	77.94
High River	78	69.58
Innisfail	57	70.41
Kindersley	19	70.53
Lacombe	52	76.67
Lethbridge	119	48.71
Lethbridge East	34	61.33
Lethbridge Sunrise	26	62.50
Maple Creek	15	88.57
Medicine Hat Sunrise	35	70.86
Okotoks	39	99.26
Pincher Creek	43	75.19
Raymond	11	72.73
Red Deer	134	52.88
Red Deer Centennial	21	75.00
Red Deer East	46	86.82
Red Deer Sunrise	35	77.71
Rocky Mountain House	28	66.92
Stettler	42	60.98
Swift Current	28	69.05