



Rotary District 5050

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This supplemental edition includes District 5050 Club Attendance & Membership for June, 2009

Grand Opening of Rotary Field! Submitted by Club President Sally Petty

The Rotary Club of Monroe has a great human interest story which has received tremendous response and is visually very moving. We aren't seeking recognition for the work our club is doing, but we are trying to create awareness of the program we're involved with so that we can reach as many kids as possible who may wish to participate and to generate funding for our field project.

The Rotary Club of Monroe is nearing completion of the construction of a special ballpark that will serve the needs of children and adults with physical and mental challenges. We are following the example of a Rotary club in Atlanta, Georgia which built the first ever ball field of this kind about 10 years ago.

Our club has been operating a children's baseball program called the "Miracle League" for the past 10 years. Two years ago we partnered with our local YMCA to help administer the growing program. It is open to boys and girls of all ages with physical and mental disabilities. We play the games by a special set of rules. Nobody keeps score. Everybody hits, everybody gets on base, and everybody scores, every inning. Games last for 3 or 4 innings. 'Buddies' assist each of the kids playing, helping them hit and field the ball and run the bases. Every effort is made to help the kids fulfill their dream of playing baseball on a team just like all the 'other' kids.

One of the biggest challenges we've had to face is the lack of available ball fields on which to play and the condition of the fields when they are available. Even the best baseball fields present many obstacles and safety concerns to children with wheelchairs, walkers and other physical limitations. The field we are building answers all of these challenges. It is a completely flat, level, artificial surface with handicap accessible dugouts, restrooms, drinking fountains and so forth. Obstacles such as the pitchers mound, bases, uneven dirt base paths and irregular outfield areas are all eliminated by being integrated into the artificial surface.

The creation of this new field will not only allow our program to grow, but because of the artificial surface material, the facility can be used throughout the year for various activities by other community groups such as the Senior Center (whose members have many of the same needs for a barrier-free facility), the YMCA, the Boys and Girls Club, and the City Parks Department.

The City of Monroe provided a site on which to build, but the cost of a facility such as this still exceeds \$1,500,000. To date, approx. \$1,000,000 has been raised through grants, State funding, and numerous grass roots fundraising efforts. Experienced architects, engineers, and contractors have volunteered or offered reduced prices for many of their services. A number of individuals have volunteered their help. We have raised the funds necessary to complete the ball field. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of August. However, to ensure that we are able to provide all of the infrastructure which will make this a facility that totally serves the children's needs, we are continuing our fundraising efforts and also soliciting bids or offers of help from qualified subcontractors and suppliers. If you are able to help meet this need or would like more information about the Miracle League program, please visit our website at www.monroemiracles.org.

On **September 12th at 12:00**, we will be having a huge **Monroe Rotary Field Grand Opening** celebration with players, families, friends, donors, builders, press and dignitaries. The address is 372 Sky River Parkway (immediately west of the Monroe Senior Center and the Monroe Boys and Girls Club).

Please feel free to join us!

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Photograph of Rotary Field
By Dan Crowell,
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Rotary District 5050

Prepared by District Secretary Dennis Ratcliff



**Monthly Attendance Report
For June, 2009**

Club Name	Members as of June, 2008	New Members This Month	Terminations This Month	Total Members This Month	Number of Meetings This Month	Gain/Loss This Month	YTD Gain/Loss	Attendance Percentage
Abbotsford	66	0	3	70	5	-3	4	69.43 %
Abbotsford- Matsqui	30	0	1	25	4	-1	-5	67.00 %
Abbotsford-Sumas	24	0	1	26	4	-1	2	78.00 %
Aldergrove	29	0	0	29	4	0	0	79.10 %
Anacortes	59	0	0	66	4	0	7	82.02 %
Arlington	67	0	1	69	4	-1	2	44.00 %
Bellingham	180	0	3	174	0	-3	-6	66.78 %
Bellingham Bay	120	0	1	122	5	-1	2	51.20 %
Bellingham Sunrise	43	0	0	45	4	0	2	76.00 %
Burlington	77	0	3	70	4	-3	-7	60.50 %
Burlington Mid-Day	27	0	0	26	0	0	-1	75.00 %
Chilliwack	195	1	0	195	4	1	0	92.40 %
Chilliwack Mt. Cheam	62	0	1	61	4	-1	-1	72.15 %
Chilliwack/Fraser	78	0	0	67	3	0	-11	73.00 %
Cloverdale	21	0	0	23	4	0	2	65.00 %
Coquitlam	48	0	2	46	4	-2	-2	72.56 %
Coquitlam Sunrise	25	0	0	29	0	0	4	75.00 %
Everett	190	1	11	175	5	-10	-15	64.24 %
Everett-Port Gardner	42	0	0	45	4	0	3	74.00 %
Fidalgo Island	49	0	2	42	5	-2	-7	65.06 %
Haney	42	1	1	43	4	0	1	0.00 %
Hope	13	0	0	17	4	0	4	76.50 %
LaConner	49	0	0	48	5	0	-1	76.20 %
Lake Stevens/Granite Fall	44	0	0	36	0	0	-8	61.81 %
Langley	32	0	0	31	4	0	-1	61.29 %
Langley Central	77	0	0	76	4	0	-1	76.54 %
Langley Sunrise	19	0	0	22	4	0	3	86.40 %
Marysville	75	0	0	67	4	0	-8	80.55 %
Marysville Sunrise	17	0	0	19	4	0	2	72.37 %
Meadow Ridge	45	1	0	48	5	1	3	61.61 %
Mission MIDDAY	28	0	0	25	5	0	-3	47.50 %
Mission Morning	33	0	0	31	4	0	-2	85.50 %

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Monroe	29	0	0	26	4	0	-3	89.00 %
Mount Baker Rotary	59	0	0	54	5	0	-5	87.00 %
Mount Vernon	46	1	0	50	0	1	4	70.00 %
North Delta	43	0	1	45	4	-1	2	55.68 %
North Whidbey Island Sunr	30	0	5	32	4	-5	2	60.00 %
Oak Harbor	95	0	0	90	4	0	-5	63.00 %
Port Coquitlam Centennial	24	1	0	28	4	1	4	63.00 %
Port Moody	46	0	6	44	4	-6	-2	58.60 %
San Juan Island	27	0	2	23	5	-2	-4	85.00 %
Sedro Woolley	97	1	0	102	4	1	5	61.00 %
Semiahmoo (White Rock)	49	2	0	58	3	2	9	85.00 %
Skagit (Mount Vernon)	70	0	0	72	4	0	2	64.00 %
Snohomish	24	0	1	18	4	-1	-6	90.00 %
South Everett/Mukilteo	65	0	0	61	4	0	-4	92.00 %
South Whidbey Island	73	0	0	73	5	0	0	61.74 %
Stanwood/Camano Island	44	0	2	40	4	-2	-4	61.00 %
Surrey	25	0	0	20	5	0	-5	58.00 %
Surrey-Fraser Heights	0	0	0	20	0	0	20	0.00 %
Surrey-Guildford	23	0	0	26	0	0	3	0.00 %
Whatcom County North	58	0	1	54	4	-1	-4	87.29 %
White Rock	58	2	2	64	5	0	6	79.40 %
White Rock Millennium	21	0	2	18	4	-2	-3	74.36 %
White Rock Peninsula	23	0	1	17	5	-1	-6	68.54 %
White Rock-Peace Arch	32	0	0	33	5	0	1	65.66 %
Totals	2967	11	53	2936	208	-42	-31	
Average attendance percentage								67.78 %

Note: Number of meetings field may not be correct for months prior to September 2004 when this field was added.