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AN UPDATE FROM YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

ROSS TYSON



For all of the Rotarians and family of Rotary that attended the District Conference- Mahalo! Rotary International President's Representative Roz Cooper, a Past District Governor from

District 5000 (Hawaii), attended the conference and gave us wonderful compliments on the whole affair. My congratulations to my team lead by Conference Chair Richard Kraemer! Photo and video clip archives will soon be accessible on the District Website.

One of the highlights of the conference was a talk by Julie Mulligan on her experiences in Nigeria with the GSE team. Julie brings a positive perspective on a very harrowing experience.

The Nigerian GSE team has been given the green light to continue with their end of the GSE. We

await news on the availability of their visas and travel arrangements. If your club is lucky enough to host this team you will be informed as to the new itinerary.

Brenda and I would like to express our thanks for your confidence in us to represent all of you as your District Governor this year. It has been an experience of a lifetime, and I do not regret placing my hat in the ring so many years ago. Thank you! Terry and Mary Drader are excited about having the year of their life now and Brenda and I join you in wishing them all the best for a fabulous year.

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MOVING ON – A PART OF ROTARY

After 2 years- this is my last newsletter for District 5370. I've really enjoyed doing it. The response has been very positive and extremely rewarding, thank you. My successor will be Cheryl McKenzie, who has graphics and writing experience – and for 5 years did the newsletter for Rotary Club of Grande Prairie, in fact award winning she just may remind you! While I really have enjoyed the newsletter – I also know part of Rotary is letting go. Sometimes we get comfortable doing the same old same old. If you ask me – this steals opportunities away from others and yourself.



For others – they aren't able to do the job you have – and learn and grow – because you are hogging it. For you, your rut – while comfortable – also means you don't take on new challenges. As Johnny Carson once said – “The only difference between a rut and a grave is the dirt in your face”. So onward I go. I would like to thank the amazing Rotarians who have contributed to the newsletter, making this job easy. It has been a pleasure these past 2 years.

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RYLA ROCKS!

RYLA was a huge success this year, 60 of the best and the brightest from all over our district took part in an intense three days of leadership workshops and games. Eighteen volunteers from in and out of Rotary helped stage the event. We would like to thank all those that contributed to the success of RYLA this year. RYLA 2009 was hosted Apr 23 – 26th by the Rotary Club of Westlock. We had very exciting times including snow every morning for our campers. Camp Nakamun was the ideal all weather facility for a 5 Star Camping experience Rock Climbing, Archery, Human Foosball, soccer, swimming, a dance so-

cial, many team building exercises, skits, ingenuity games and talk by Mike Ryan of Clean Scene, two days on the “Six Points of Power” and a wrap up from Pauline Perrault President Elect for Edmonton South and a member of the Rotary Youth Committee for the District. Westlock is already planning for next year!

Laura Morie and Melanie Ericksen
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RYPEN – TO EMPOWER YOUTH ON THEIR VOYAGE OF SELF-DISCOVERY!

More than nine years ago a group of dedicated Rotarians in the Rotary Club of Edmonton started a legacy of service above self to the youth of District 5370. Each year, with vision and energy, Rotarians and supporters from around the District have worked to continue this legacy gathering some marvelous young people from across the district to attend the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN).

These young people have come to Camp Warwa for the past nine years to be treated to an adventure of physical exercise, self-discovery and positive feedback reinforcing RYPEN values of honesty, openness, equality, respect, courage, participation, enthusiasm and team work.

Over the years the faces of the kids have changed, Rotarians who led the program have changed, bits and pieces of the program varied but one thing remained constant... Rotary's commitment to offering a program that provided a safe and secure environment for individual personal growth.

This year was just as incredible as each one before. We had 40 absolutely fabulous young men and women sponsored by 17 clubs from as far away as North Battleford and Yellowknife. We saw them strive to be and do the very best they could within their own comfort zone. Many of these young people are going to be business owners, VP's and CEO's and community leaders of our country and when they step up to the plate our country will be in good hands.

When you consider that many of these young people come from backgrounds with broken homes, painful family losses or are desperately searching for that part of their spirit which enables them to feel whole and empowered, you as Rotarians are to be commended for your hard work to finance the camp and physical support of them. I urge members of your clubs to keep in touch with them as they go through life. That phone call or burger may be the support some need.

This year saw an exciting new concept added to the program. We brought back students from the past year to work as Junior Facilitators (fancy name for "team leaders". Due to the timing and lots of strep throat we were only able to get 3 and one of our ROTARACT members, Jessica Webber from Ft Mac rounded out the group.

These young alumni, Amanda Beaupre (Edson), Ben Flesher (Edmonton) and T J Dufresne (Battlefords) were amazing. I



DGE Terry Drader

can speak for all of the Rotarians involved in delivering the camp when I say we feel truly blessed to have been able to get to work with them.

Three of our team (Chris Cogswell, Pauline Perreault, Mike Ryan) worked very hard to add an new element to our camp...a multi-part workshop on personal introspection and setting goals for today, tomorrow and for life.

It is both an awesome and energizing experience to have had the privilege to be part of RYPEN. With this report, I step down from RYPEN. After several years of District involvement retirement sounds great. Oh, and a thank you for the support of RBC for water bottles for all.

Please consider volunteering to help with the coming year. RYPEN needs you. The new committee needs you. You have someone with equal passion who follows. Chris Cogswell takes over as Chair of the RYPEN Committee. You can contact Chris via the email address: RYPENsouth@ROTARY5370.org.

2010 RYPEN Camp Warwa May 20 through 23, 2010

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“A SHELTER OF HOPES AND DREAMS” EDMONTON SOUTHEAST ROTARIANS VISITED THE MANILA BOYS TOWN COMPLEX IN THE PHILIPPINES



Some of the kids from the Manila Boys Town Complex along with Victoria

Rotarian Basil Thompson and Victoria Ewert of Edmonton Southeast paid a visit to the 76 orphaned girls at the Manila Boys Town Complex on their visit to the Philippines last December 30th. The husband and wife team brought with them cartons of toys, books and clothes when they left for the Philippines Dec. 28th with the intention of sharing the holiday season with the orphaned girls in the Philippines. The Manila Boys Town complex is a special place for Manila's abandoned, forgotten and voluntarily surrendered children, teenagers and senior citizens of the Philippine's capital city. The complex has 4 homes - Home for the Aged (homeless, abandoned and neglected elderly people aged 60 and above); Founding Home for younger boys (3 years to 7 years old), Boys Home (13 to 18 year old boys) and Girl's Home (female juveniles age 3 to 16). The Manila Boys Town currently has more than 500 wards. The mission of the complex is to nurture, educate, train and provide opportunities to the city's deprived, abandoned, and voluntarily surrendered children so that they may

experience love, care and protection in a wholesome, homelike environment that will enable them to grow with stable and enhanced self-esteem and skills. The young boys and girls and the grandparents were brought there by the city government to be fed, clothed, sheltered, and given medical attention because they are either already orphaned or have no more known relatives.

Basil and Victoria spent 4 hours at the orphanage providing the girls a decent meal, distributing toys, clothings, toiletries, and books from Canada. The girls organized a program for Basil and Victoria and were all happy to receive Christmas presents. The girls were all cleaned by the social workers and presented to Basil and Victoria and they were all excited to learn a few words of English.

Basil and Victoria claimed that their hearts bleed and pity and sympathy engulfed them once they mingled with the girls. It pricked their conscience once they heard of the sufferings of the girls that they promised to bring it up to the Edmonton Southeast Club as their International project.

The Club members unanimously approved to have Manila Boys Town Complex as their international project and however little and meager their contribution would be, at least they are doing something to help.

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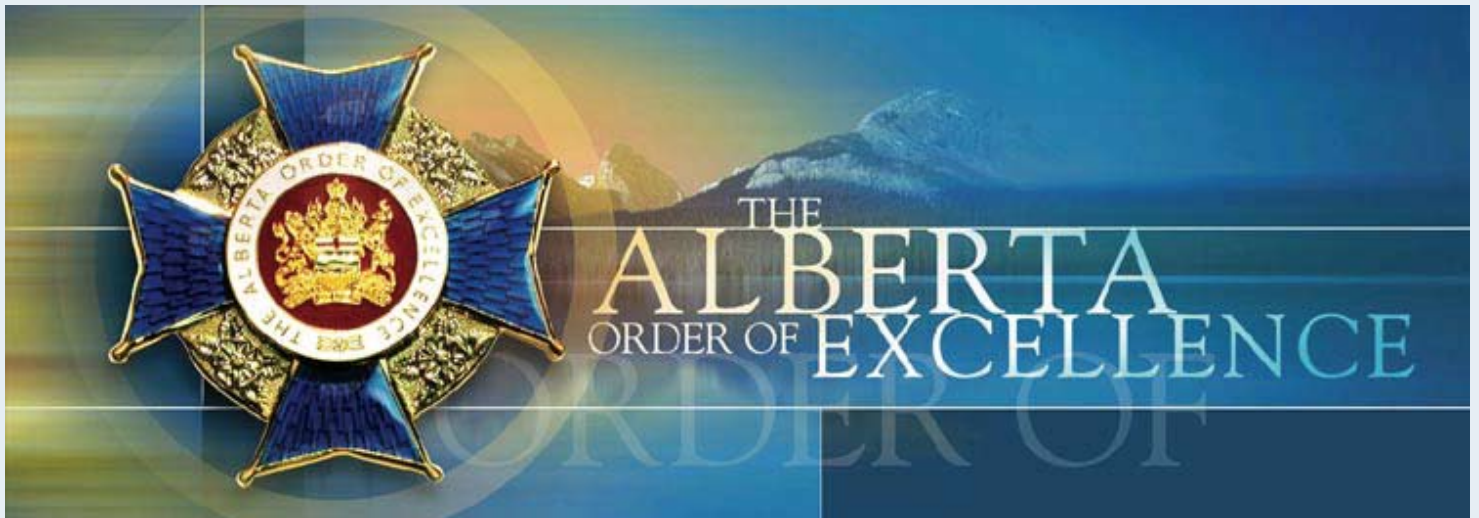
EIGHT COMMUNITY LEADERS TO JOIN ALBERTA ORDER OF EXCELLENCE – AT LEAST ONE ROTARIAN

The new members will be invested into the Order in a ceremony in Edmonton on Thursday, October 15. This will bring the total AOE membership to 101. Biographies and portraits of the new members will be available closer to the investiture. The Alberta Order of Excellence is the highest honour the province can bestow on a citizen. More information about AOE is at www.lieutenantgovernor.ab.ca/aoe/.

*One of the recipients is **William (Bill) Bowes** (Rotary Club of Grande Prairie) - for his civic leadership on a wide range of economic and community development initiatives and his service as a leader in newspaper publishing. Congratulations Bill!*



Bill Bowes



SPEAKERS CORNER

Editors Note: Strong speakers make for strong clubs. I found this note of interest and something we can all hope to achieve.

Saturday, October 3 – Rotarians will want to pencil this in. Grimshaw Centennial is hosting an evening dinner with quite a speaker – the Premier of the Northwest Territories, Floyd Roland. Obviously, what happens in the North is vital to our corner of the world, and Mr. Roland will be highlighting shared concerns, most especially infrastructure. Stay tuned for further details.

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Floyd Roland

BELIZE LITERACY PROGRAM UPDATE: THOUSANDS OF BOOKS - 24 TEACHERS – 300 COMPUTERS HEADED FOR BELIZE

Following a very successful one-way Group Study Exchange in April with 9 educators from Belize, Belizean educators have returned home not only with a better understanding of Alberta Education's curriculum, assessment and teaching models but also knowing that thousands of books, 24 teachers and 300 computers will soon follow them.



Below picture, Jackie Hobal in Belize in January

When Alberta Education introduced a new math curriculum in 2008, schools in Red Deer and throughout D5370 found themselves with thousands of fairly new math books needing a good home. Brenda MacDonald, one of the teacher facilitators, tells us; "It seemed like the most logical thing to do following the success of the Belizean Educator Study Exchange and the tremendous need for school resources in Belize. And the more we thought about it, we realized that there were more than math books to send!"

May 23rd, teachers and Rotary volunteers loaded pallets at the HAWS warehouse with books, school supplies and professional development teaching resources for shipment via container to Belize. The resources will be received by Rotarians in Belize and distributed to the 7 communities where our 24 Rotary volunteer teacher facilitators will be conducting workshops for their Belizean colleagues. For many teachers in Belize, the summer workshops will be the only professional development they receive. Approximately 40-45% of teachers in Belize have little or no training. A second container with more than 300 donated computers will follow the school supplies and books in early June.

August 3 – 13, 2009 twenty four teachers will conduct workshops for 360 teachers in language-arts, mathematics and science with a goal to help Belizean educators reduce

the drop-out rate and improve achievement. This summer we are joined by 3 University Educators from Texas – and will in-service all 288 Belizean school

principals in Belize on topics such as leadership, effective planning, and strategies for success...

Rotary Volunteer teachers and administrators

include: Donna Barrett – Edmonton (member Edmonton Sunrise), Derrick Cameron – Macklin, Saskatchewan, Sandy Cox – Jasper, Joan Coy – Wanham, Kevin Drader – Bawlf, Sandra Gluthe – Edmonton, Evelaine Goggin-Michaud – Edmonton, Michelle Haggerty – Drayton Valley, Greg Haslehurst – Vermilion, Holly Huber – Grande Prairie, Carla Kozal – Edmonton, Sharon Lampard – Red Deer member Rotary Club of Red Deer, Jennifer Lawley – Edmonton – member Rotary Club Edmonton West, Brenda McDonald – Red Deer, Colette Mondor – Edmonton, Roger Moore – Edmonton, Lynne Paradis – Red Deer – member Rotary Club of Downtown Red Deer, Charlotte Ruether – Fairview, Barbara Sargunraj – Slave Lake, Leslie Sargunraj – Slave Lake, Sharmayne Seal – Spruce Grove, Pat Teskey – Yellowknife, Brenda Van Haga – Grande Prairie and Janet Wilkinson – Edson.

Many thanks to the Rotary Clubs in District 5370 for your support! We also appreciate the generous donation from Rotary Club of Red Deer for funding one of the containers being shipped to Belize.

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Teachers and Rotary volunteers loaded pallets at the HAWS warehouse



MEMORIES OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN JASPER

300 attendees learned, laughed and learned some more. Special thanks to photographer Vicky Van Andel, spouse of Henk, Rotary Club of Edmonton Northeast. Also congratulations to the clubs that picked up awards at the event.



2008 - 2009 DISTRICT AWARDS

INFORMATION

Award	Recipient	Wording
Hans Granholm	Edmonton Strathcona	demonstrates the best use of Club Runner e-Bulletin, Club homepage and use of the email system for club communication.
Public Relations and Marketing	Stony Plain	in recognition of producing the best external publicity brochure or marketing event/tool during the year.
Public Relations and Marketing	Spruce Grove	in recognition of producing the best external publicity brochure or marketing event/tool during the year.
Vinny Jacques	Edmonton Mayfield	for sending the largest number of participants to RYLA program.
Vinny Jacques	North Battleford	for sending the largest number of participants to RYLA program.
Vinny Jacques	Edmonton South	for sending the largest number of participants to RYLA program.
Vinny Jacques	Edmonton Mayfield	for sending the largest number of participants to one of the RYPEN programs.
Vinny Jacques	Edmonton South	for sending the largest number of participants to one of the RYPEN programs.
Membership Award	Dawson Creek Sunrise	In recognition of the greatest percentage increase in membership.
Foundation Award	Fort McMurray Oilsands -	the highest per capita contributions to the Rotary Foundation. \$799.00 from April , 2008 – May, 2009
World Community Service Society	Grande Prairie, Swan City	the Club with the highest per capital contribution to World Community Service as reported in the Annual Report of the Society.



WELCOME! NEW MEMBERS IN THE PAST MONTH

LastName	FirstName	Club	DateJoin	Sponsor
Krulicki	Frank	Athabasca	04/22/2009	
MacNeil	Dennis	Athabasca	04/22/2009	
Ebbs	Daylene	Drayton Valley	04/16/2009	Judy Ferrey
Henley	Trudy	Drayton Valley	04/16/2009	Colin Campbell
Farris	Michael	Edmonton	04/30/2009	Russ Mann
Fennerty	Don	Edmonton	02/04/09	Johanne Johnson
Hayward	Jamie	Edmonton	09/04/09	
McConnell	Paul	Edmonton	09/04/09	Russ Mann
Leddy	Robert	Edmonton Gateway	04/29/2009	Rick Miller
Collins-Nakai	Ruth	Edmonton Glenora	02/04/09	Gaye Sydenham
Haunholter	Alyssa	Edmonton Glenora	04/30/2009	Vi Becker
Petrov	Annemarie	Edmonton Glenora	09/04/09	Nora Bumanis
Brown	Sandra	Edmonton Urban Spirits	02/04/09	Dwight Dupuis
Ho	Prisca	Edmonton Urban Spirits	04/16/2009	Richard Krobyl
Wooley	Jim	Edmonton West	04/23/2009	
Lobban	Pamela	Grande Prairie	03/04/09	
Petrone	Rob	Grande Prairie Swan City	01/04/09	Drew Lamont
McLean	Terry	Lloydminster Border City	04/14/2009	Shahid Pervaiz
Gardiner	Michael	Nisku-Leduc	04/16/2009	Stephen Lindop
Onyszchuk	Mireille	Slave Lake	01/04/09	
Knott	Mel	St. Albert - Saint City	04/27/2009	Rob Claxton
Schmidt	Stacy	Stony Plain	04/23/2009	



Rotary International District 5370

Monthly Attendance Report For March, 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
*District 5370	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
*Interact Dawson Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
*Interact Edmonton Cent.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
*Rotaract Camrose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
*Rotaract Edmonton Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
*Rotaract GP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
*Rotaract Lloydminster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
*Rotaract U of A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Athabasca	51	0	0	0	0	0	-51	0.00 %
Barrhead	24	0	1	22	5	-1	-2	51.85 %
Battlefords	50	0	0	47	5	0	-3	79.78 %
Camrose	53	0	0	55	5	0	2	69.81 %
Camrose Daybreak	36	0	0	28	5	0	-8	77.86 %
Chetwynd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Dawson Creek	42	0	2	38	5	-2	-4	66.86 %
Dawson Creek Sunrise	26	1	0	33	4	1	7	90.91 %
Drayton Valley	31	5	0	35	4	5	4	77.17 %
Edmonton	195	2	0	194	4	2	-1	50.35 %
Edmonton Ave of Nations	17	2	0	14	4	2	-3	68.00 %
Edmonton Gateway	40	0	0	42	4	0	2	88.89 %
Edmonton Glenora	83	0	0	0	0	0	-83	0.00 %
Edmonton Mayfield	43	1	0	44	4	1	1	77.99 %
Edmonton Northeast	55	1	2	66	4	-1	11	80.00 %
Edmonton Northern Lights	16	1	0	14	4	1	-2	83.64 %
Edmonton Riverview	38	1	0	39	5	1	1	76.32 %
Edmonton South	69	0	0	61	4	0	-8	54.59 %
Edmonton Southeast	0	0	1	24	5	-1	24	42.28 %
Edmonton Strathcona	61	0	0	62	5	0	1	66.04 %
Edmonton Sunrise	40	0	0	36	4	0	-4	68.06 %
Edmonton Urban Spirits	39	1	0	41	4	1	2	78.75 %
Edmonton West	54	0	0	53	5	0	-1	71.56 %
Edson	28	0	0	26	5	0	-2	64.62 %
Fairview	23	3	0	28	4	3	5	75.00 %

Fort McMurray	49	0	0	0	0	0	-49	0.00 %
Fort McMurray Oilsands	29	0	0	22	5	0	-7	62.73 %
Fort Nelson	22	0	0	24	4	0	2	64.58 %
Fort Saskatchewan	10	0	0	0	0	0	-10	0.00 %
Fort St. John	45	0	0	46	4	0	1	57.56 %
Fort St. John Sunrise	19	1	0	18	4	1	-1	70.83 %
Grande Cache	20	0	0	19	4	0	-1	54.69 %
Grande Prairie	119	1	2	108	4	-1	-11	74.07 %
Grande Prairie Sunrise	51	0	0	52	5	0	1	73.75 %
Grande Prairie Swan City	112	0	0	119	4	0	7	66.88 %
Grimshaw Centennial	24	1	1	26	5	0	2	66.13 %
Hay River Sunrise	15	0	0	16	4	0	1	53.13 %
Hinton	22	0	0	0	0	0	-22	0.00 %
Jasper	24	3	1	32	5	2	8	75.16 %
Lac La Biche	15	0	0	13	5	0	-2	65.00 %
Lloydminster	84	0	0	76	5	0	-8	61.49 %
Lloydminster Border City	31	0	1	35	5	-1	4	80.12 %
Morinville	22	0	0	19	4	0	-3	48.68 %
Nisku-Leduc	38	1	0	35	4	1	-3	67.46 %
Peace River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Sherwood Park	42	4	1	46	4	3	4	70.45 %
Sherwood Park Centennial	33	1	0	38	4	1	5	66.18 %
Slave Lake	26	0	0	0	0	0	-26	0.00 %
Spruce Grove	48	0	0	47	4	0	-1	56.52 %
St. Albert	58	1	0	59	4	1	1	63.40 %
St. Albert - Saint City	17	0	0	18	5	0	1	62.22 %
Stony Plain	52	0	2	45	4	-2	-7	66.13 %
Vegreville	22	0	0	26	5	0	4	57.69 %
Vermilion	35	0	0	37	4	0	2	64.00 %
Wainwright	17	0	0	18	4	0	1	66.00 %
Westlock	63	0	0	66	4	0	3	79.63 %
Wetaskiwin	17	0	0	0	0	0	-17	0.00 %
Whitecourt	30	0	0	21	4	0	-9	75.00 %
Yellowknife	53	0	0	63	4	0	10	62.27 %
Totals	2378	31	14	2146	219	17	-232	
Average attendance percentage								67.32 %