A Message from D.G. Doug Everett

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KALAMALKA ROTARY DREAM AUCTION

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From RI PR Tips, December 20, 2012

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The first seven months of PEACE THROUGH SERVICE is completed and I hope you have achieved some of your club goals and are on the path to reach the remaining targets you have set. Remember to complete the Presidential Citation because from all of my visits, all clubs can achieve this club recognition!

In the Rotary world, February is WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH and remember you are building Peace through your Service projects and talking with your Assistant Governor and club presidents, D5060 is doing very well! World Understanding Month is raising our eyes from our local community needs to a more global vision. People throughout the world have the same desires each of us have but some through circumstances beyond their control are in need of our service. They have to focus on basics such as, clean water, nutrition, sanitation and health care just to exist! Since our motto is Service Above Self, I want you to make a choice and focus on others. As stated by President Tanaka, “your problems are my problems and I care enough to help you.”

I/we recently returned from attending the RI Peace Forum (January 25-27, 2013) in Hawaii. It was an easy decision to attend with our piles of snow and low temperatures but a harder decision to actually have to pay for it all! Since Jacquie had put up with listening to my club presentation 62 times, I felt she deserved a reward so it was her Christmas present even though my prostate diagnosis came ahead in early December.

The new 59 President-Elects are being trained at Pre-PETS (President-Elect Training) in Ellensburg and Kelowna plus, they are also preparing to attend PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar in Seattle).
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Rotary is one of the few organizations that trains their leaders so they can lead their clubs to be successful! District Governor-Elect Darrell Blue and his team (DGN Bruce Falkins and DGN(D) Greg Luring, PDG’s Roger Perry and Pete Erickson) are all committed to making the Future Vision a NOW vision with a smooth transition for the distribution of funds from Rotary International to District 5060 and eventually for your club projects.

Your 2013 “Power of Partnerships” Chase/Kamloops District Conference May 2-5, 2013 in Kamloops at the Kamloops Convention Center is fast approaching and have you registered (www.rotary5060conference.com) booked your hotel, asked for time off work?

We have an exciting schedule of events planned with guest speakers such as, RI Director Steve Yoshida from Hawaii, Ramish Ferris a polio survivor from Whitehorse, Dr. Laugh, Chris Johnson from Surrey, Chad Shipmaker Rotary Peace Scholar from Salmon Arm, Group Study Exchange members from Germany and D5060 and Rotary Exchange students from around the world.

Need to do a Make-up? Click on a link below

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Please open the attachment for more info.

Note that the conference is open to ALL Rotarians:

New Rotarians that have just joined are especially invited to learn more about this great organization

Rotarians active from 0 years to 10+ years are invited to sharpen their knowledge.

Seasoned Rotarians are invited to learn all the new things they thought they already knew, but don’t

But more than that, it’s really a great social event to meet all the Rotarians up and down the valley, meet old friends and make new friends. Part of what Rotary is about is Friendship and Fellowship first and from that, work on projects together.

Dennis Jacobsen
District 5060

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Conference Program — Rotary 5060 Conference
Each year since 1986 the Vernon Kalamalka Rotary Club has presented Dream Auction, the club’s principal fund-raiser. From humble beginnings with a few thousand dollars raised, the Auction now raises $150,000 or more annually and has become Vernon’s premier social event.

The 450 banquet tickets sell out in less than a week: complete expenses are fully covered by the ticket revenue so all auction funds raised may be devoted to projects.

The concept of Dream Auction was to present items and trips that attendees might not normally buy for themselves, things they might dream about. Members canvass local and regional merchants, professionals and individuals for donations from August through October and Dream Auction takes place the third Saturday of November.

The concept has evolved so the live auction segment includes fly-in fishing and golfing trips, exotic holidays, houseboat vacations, roomfuls of furniture and more while the three silent auctions feature a host of jewelry, clothing, art and other items.
The biggest seller in 2012 was an all expense paid golf vacation for four on Vancouver Island with transportation via the Kal Tire private jet. The successful bid; $18,000. Local and international organizations in the past five years alone with grants totaling over $800,000. Annual grants range from a few hundred dollars to as high as $50,000 or more when the club takes a lead role in a charity fund raising campaign. From 2010 to 2012, for instance, Kalamalka Rotary donated over $225,000 to the Vernon Jubilee Hospital Foundation for the new Tower of Care. Other area Rotary clubs also participated with the result that the maternity floor is named after Rotary and a Rotary Wheel is prominently displayed in the reception area.

The 2013 Dream Auction takes place November 16 in case you’d like to mark it on your calendar and tickets are typically available early October. Sorry, no comp tickets, not even for the DG. This IS a charitable fund raiser after all!

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Hello:

I am so pleased to witness the endorsement and assumption of the Summerland section of this project by the Summerland Rotary Club. Summerland and West Kelowna Rotary Members: Garry Hollingshead and Bruce Dalyrimple are both Professional Engineers and together they have redesigned my initial project layouts and in doing so brought the proposed construction costs down to a manageable level. When approved, any and all of this initial design work will be directly applicable for the Sunoka Park to Penticton sections.

Attached is the Project Synopsis for the Lakeside Pathway project. This should cover some of the basic information to get started. There is also a Facebook Page with much more detail available. Simply copy (Okanagan Lakeside MultiUse Pathway) into the subject line of Google or Facebook Search and you will quickly locate the link.

This project is a critical link to existing pathways between Osoyoos and the Bennett Bridge. Our Regional District is actively working on acquiring tenure or actually upgrading rail/trail sections between Penticton and Gallagher Lake, as well as another section in Osoyoos. As Garry Hollingshead may have mentioned our project is generating excitement in neighboring communities because our work will attract the tourists, commuters and recreational users that will give real life to their work.

Garry Hollingshead is suggesting that the proposed Lakeside Pathway section, between Penticton and Sunoka Provincial Park, be adopted as a project by Penticton Rotary. That same section is seriously being considered as one of the final sections of the Trans Canada Trail. That proposal is currently being brought to the National Trans Canada Trail Committee by Trails BC. Should that proposal move forward a significant portion of the costs will be covered under their funding formula. This same Penticton to Sunoka Park section would most likely come under the experienced guidance and control of the Regional District. There has also been expressions of interest from a large Penticton Construction Company. So Rotary would have some very interesting partners in this endeavor.

The entire intent of this proposal is to build a linear park that would provide economic and recreational benefits to our region for generations.

Please have a look at the Synopsis, browse the photos on the Facebook Page. If there is interest, I can bring on my travelling slide and talk.

Thanks

Don Gemmell
Summerland, BC

Pictures on next page.
Rotary Club of Peachland - Highlights of 2012

The Rotary Club of Peachland had a busy 2012. We took part in many fundraising events to support our small Okanagan community, as well as larger global projects. Here is a highlight of what we’ve been up to in 2012:

Locally, our proudest achievement by far was establishing a free Wi-Fi zone in downtown Peachland. This allows our many tourists to use the internet while taking in our beautiful town. We are proud of this initiative, which was spearheaded by our President-Elect, Brian Junnila. We worked in close partnership with the Peachland Chamber of Commerce and Peachland Visitor Centre to make this project a huge success with residents and tourists. Our Wi-Fi project was so popular, that other groups have followed suit and are looking at establishing similar projects in their communities.

Over the summer, the Peachland Rotary Club held a series of 6 concerts at the Rotary Pavilion in Heritage Park to promote world peace. The concerts were well-attended and best of all – they were free to the public. Our club raised money by running a food service and collecting donations at these events. At two of the concerts we showed a Shelter Box exhibit to the public. The demonstration triggered many questions and at one concert, a member of the public spontaneously donated $1,000 towards the purchase of a Shelter Box. We owe a “Thank You” to Marjolein Lloyd of the Westbank Rotary Club for setting up the Exhibit and answering many questions. The club decided to use the donations given at the concerts to purchase 2 additional Shelter Boxes.

The Peace Concerts are now an integral part of Summer life in Peachland and planning is well underway for the 2013 series.
The Peachland Rotary Club is very active in the local community. We can often be found at community events, handing out hot beverages (such as at the annual Christmas light-up or Polar Bear Swim) or selling food to fundraise for various initiatives (such as at the Canada Day celebration). We also host an annual bus trip for seniors, that gives Peachland seniors a chance to get out and socialize with others, enjoy a good meal and see some attractions that they might not otherwise be able to experience due to mobility issues.

One of our higher-profile fundraisers of the year was again the Gourmet Dinner raffle. The winner of this raffle gets a 7-course gourmet dinner for up to six people cooked right in their own home by a group of Rotarian chefs. All of the food preparation, serving and clean-up is taken care of by the club. Ticket sales from this even go toward Christmas hampers and the Foodbank.

The major fundraiser for the club was its annual Gala Spring Dance which set a new record of $17,000 in net proceeds, mainly from live and silent auctions.

The Peachland Rotary Club has much in store for 2013. We continue to grow and educate the local community about what it means to be a Rotarian. We hope that 2013 will see a growth in membership, exciting new projects, including a new international project, and an increase in awareness of our club and its initiatives.

Odina Skovgaard, Rotary Club of Peachland
Be part of the World's biggest commercial and help make history.

From RI PR Tips, December 20, 2012

Rotary International is inviting all supporters to participate in the World’s Biggest Commercial, promoting the global effort to eradicate polio. Join Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Bill Gates, Jackie Chan, Amanda Peet, and other internationally known figures participating in Rotary’s This Close campaign to raise awareness and support for polio eradication. Here’s how you can help:

1) Upload a photo of yourself making the “this close” gesture. Go to www.endpolionow.org and follow the prompts to the World’s Biggest Commercial.

2) Invite others to join the campaign: Encourage your friends and family members to participate in the commercial. Promote it on your club website or blog and talk about it on social media.

3) Set aside time at your next club meeting, speaking engagement, or community project to invite participation. Take a photo of individuals or groups and show them how to upload it to the End Polio Now website. Or have a laptop available to do it for them.

4) Promote the campaign on your personal Facebook page with ready-to-use World’s Biggest Commercial Facebook timeline cover photos. And consider adding a customizable banner advertisement to your club website.

Please take time over the next month to use these ways to promote participation in the World’s Biggest Commercial and support for the This Close campaign. It’s quick, it’s easy, and it’s important!

For more information, contact pr@rotary.org.

Please submit your articles and photos to b.emblin@eastlink.ca before the 20th of the month for publication the following month.
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This in appreciation of all the community work the club does.

Picture left to right Dennis Smithers, Craig Tucker, Judy Miller Bennett, Janice Tucker, Mayor Wells, Jim King, Holly Plante, Greg Reid and Brian Rawlings.

*Rotary Club of Osoyoos / What we do!!*

1) International Student Exchange  
2) Osoyoos Concert Series  
3) Rotary Splash Park  
4) Osoyoos Free Public Skating  
5) High School Scholarship program  
6) Roots of Empathy (Project to eliminate Bullying)  
7) Highway 97 Highway 3 Volunteer Cleanup  
8) Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund  
9) Rotary Youth Adventures in Leadership (RYLA)  
10) World Group Study Exchange  
11) Festival of the Tree (BC Children’s Hospital)  
12) Osoyoos Coyotes Junior Hockey Bursary  
13) CASI  
14) Shelter Box Canada  
15) Eradication of Polio  
16) Desert Sun Counselling (Helping abused Women in our Community)  
17) Relay for Life  
18) The Rotary Foundation  
19) South Okanagan Similkameen Medical Foundation
The Penticton-Okanagan Rotary Club used to simply donate a percentage of its funds to other Rotary clubs to support established international projects. But the results of Penticton Okanagan Club visioning in 2009 identified the membership's interest in having their own international project, in partnership with a Rotary Club in a host country.

In August 2011, when an opportunity presented itself, the club was ready to embark on its very own International Development Project. Sayeed A Chaudhury, a Bangladeshi Rotarian, came to visit his son Tarik and daughter-in-law Tahira in August 2011, both Rotarians themselves. During his visit, he attended the Tuesday morning meeting where some of the Penticton-Okanagan Club members began to visualize the possibility for a joint collaboration.

Joyce, Rebecca, and Barry held a separate and detailed meeting with Sayeed to get a better sense of when and how to initiate and complete an International Development Project. After returning to Bangladesh and discussing this initiative with his fellow Rotarians, Sayeed presented Penticton-Okanagan Rotary Club with a proposition of adopting a twin-village with a population of approximately 1200 people for a term of three years. The three phases of the project would include an Initial Needs Assessment, an Action Plan, and Project Implementation stage. The document was primarily prepared by one of the Dhaka club members who is employed with Save the Children organization and has experience in such process. Other members of the Sonargaon Dhaka Club include social workers, a Women & Children's Literacy counselor, and two retired UNICEF officials.

After much deliberation, the Sonargaon Dhaka Club selected Rajapur-Fultoli as the adopted twin village, which is situated in the Comilla district, approximately 110 kilometers away from Bangladesh's capital Dhaka. The goal of the project was to contribute to the sustainable reduction of poverty in the twin-village and improve the quality of life by empowering the local community.

While the Sonargaon Dhaka Club was working towards completing Phase I, Barry, Joyce, and Michael from Penticton-Okanagan Rotary Club investigated District and Rotary Foundation grant programs for additional financial support. On August 15, 2012 the grants were approved and Penticton-Okanagan Rotary Club's $13,000 commitment turned into $38,000. In the meanwhile, Sayeed paid another visit to Penticton and presented project updates, answered questions, and invited Penticton-Okanagan Rotary Club members to visit the project site.
Today, the Community Care Project is in its 2nd year and the members of both clubs are proud to share that the Project has come a long way in implementing a program to meet the greatest needs of the residents of Rajapur-Fultoli. The project identified priority needs such as providing clean water, setting up facilities for proper sanitation, creating opportunity for skills enhancement for income generation, small business development options, scope for learning about cultivation/farming, spreading awareness to prevent HIV and AIDS, providing primary health care with some limited medical services, and youth sport issues.

Phase II so far has successfully sunk eight tube wells in prime locations to effectively provide clean water for families, distributed two sets of sports equipments for the youth, and local committees have been formed for upkeeps of the tube wells and sports equipment. 13 sewing machines have been purchased for women as income generating tools. Future plans include cattle purchase, planting fruit trees, and cleaning the ponds for fisheries.

Good Job Rotarians!!
Get your Registration in soon!!! Time is slipping by

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