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CANADIAN EYESIGHT GLOBAL FREE EYE CLINIC

HELD AT BHILOWAL VILLAGE IN AMRITSAR, INDIA ON OCTOBER 28, 2018

Organized by Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Mata Sulakhani Eye Hospital Society, Amritsar

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NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2020



**ROTARY
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10 FREE EYE CAMPS - 500 IOL SURGERIES IN INDIA IN HONOUR OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT (2019-2020) MARK DANIEL MALONEY

in partnership with

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SUPPORTED BY ROTARY CLUB OF SURREY, DISTRICT 5050 (USA-CANADA) AND
SRI GURU SINGH SABHA, PANCHAYAN, FARIDABAD, HARYANA, PUNJAB , INDIA**

CANADIAN EYESIGHT GLOBAL FREE EYE CLINIC IN RAYYA, AMRITSAR - OCTOBER 2019



**WE'RE
COMMITTED**

We are continuously in touch with our sponsors and partners in India and Canada. It is our commitment to continue our charity work after we are all free of the Covid -19 pandemic. We thank our beneficiaries for their patience and understanding.

We reassure you that we will continue the Free Eye Camps and Eye Clinics as planned when the respective governments have lifted the restrictions.

ANUP SINGH JUBBAL

One Man with Multiple Honours



Governor General Award



BC Parliament



The Success Story



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OUR FOUNDER ANUP SINGH JUBBAL, MSM



1988: “Distinguished Service Award” from the Rotary International Global Polio Eradication Initiative, presented by Hon. John Fraser, The Speaker of House of Commons, Canada and an award from Rotary International. Evanston. IL.USA.

1993: “Rotary Service Above Self Award”, presented by the President of Rotary International, Clifford Dochterman.

1997: “Meritorious Service Medal”, presented by the Rt. Hon. Roméo LeBlanc, Governor General of Canada, at the Citadel, Quebec City. PQ.

1998: Indo-Canadian Chamber of Commerce, “The Hall of Fame Humanitarian Award”,

presented by the Hon. Paul Martin, Federal Minister of Finance, at the Toronto Convention Centre. ON. Over 1300 VIP’s attended.

2005: “Outstanding Community Service Realtor Care Award” of the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver. BC.

2006: “Business Excellence Award” Nominee for The Surrey Board of Trade in the Not-for-Profit sector.

2006: The Surrey Leader Newspaper “Community Mentor Award”

2019: “Distinguished Service Award” by Rotary International President, Mark Daniel Maloney, Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker

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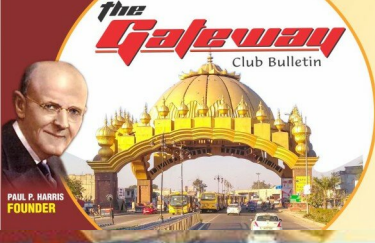


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Club No: 15217

Chartered on April 8, 1983

ROTARY CLUB AMRITSAR MIDTOWN



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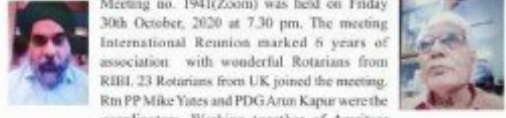


Rtn. Arun Kapur
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Advisor

Weekly Musings



Meeting no. 1941(Zoom) was held on Friday 30th October, 2020 at 7.30 pm. The meeting International Reunion marked 6 years of association with wonderful Rotarians from RIIB. 23 Rotarians from UK joined the meeting. Rtn PP Mike Yates and PDG Arun Kapur were the coordinators. Working together of Amritsar Midtown and UK Rotarians started in February 2015 when a team led by indefatigable PP Mike Yates landed in Amritsar on February 17, 2015. A Polio Awareness Rally was taken out. 6 Immunization booths were organized booths where the visitors gave Polio drops to the children and infants apart from giving hand knitted sweaters, pens, pencils, erasers and note books to the children. Their enthusiasm was infectious. They also participated in mop up activity next day. On the sidelines, they attended a meeting of Amritsar Midtown and visited our project at Ganesh Das Chadha Rotary Centre. Entire visit was a grand success. This regime has continued for 6 years till January 2020. A short video of their 2017 activity on NID was screened. PP Mike Yates spoke about the genesis of International Reunion meeting. A short film on AASHRAY was also screened and PDG Avinash Mohindru spoke about the mega project. Aashray will be a shelter for the abandoned girls, senior citizens and special children. It will be dedicated to the community in April 2021. DG Davinder Singh eulogized the role of Amritsar Midtown in mitigating suffering of community and made a special mention of Mass Marriages function. He was all praise for AASHRAY and commended it. The DG was introduced by PP Sunil Kapur while vote of thanks was proposed by PP Ashwani K Mehra. Rtn. Roger Byrom of RC Braumton Caen beautifully summed up the impressions of the meeting. Very useful submission was made by Pres. Jennifer Linsley. Awards of Appreciation were presented to the DG and PP Mike Yates. Following clubs were represented: Marple & Mills, Bridport, Windsor & Eton, Braumton Caen, Manchester Breakfast, Crewe & Nantwich, West Wirral, Abington Vesper, Sale, Barnsley Rockley, Brigg, Kingston on Thames and IW Kingston. PDG Suresh Chaudhri also joined.



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Roshan- King of Melody and Qawaali



Roshan Lal Nagrath (July 14, 1917 – November 16, 1967), better known as "Roshan", was a famous Bollywood film music composer. He is the father of the actor and film director Rakesh Roshan and music director Rakesh Roshan, and grandfather of superstar film actor Hrithik Roshan.

Roshan was born in Gurgaonwala, Punjab (now in Pakistan). He began music lessons at a young age, and later attended Morris College, Lucknow under the training of P.N.S. Ratanjankar (College Principal). In the early 1940s, Roshan joined AIR, Delhi and worked as a composer.

In 1948, Roshan came to Mumbai to find work as a music director. He struggled until a chance meeting with Kidar Sharma, who asked him to compose for his film "Neki aur Badi" (1949). While this film was a flop, Kidar Sharma gave him his next film Barwre Nain and Roshan emerged as a player on the Bollywood music scene. The sensuality of Khayali mein kisi ke, the giddy feeling of falling into love with Sun baiti balam sach bel and Mujhe sach-sach bata do with the endearing kya..a..; the innocence of Mere roothhe huye balma..., the absolutely brilliantly sung and the totally despairing Teri duniya mein dil lagta nahiwere all rich compositions that became extremely popular and many others.

In the early 1950s, Roshan worked extensively with singers Mukesh and Talat Mahmood. "Malhar", "Shisham", and "Anhonee" were some of the movies that he scored during the '50s. It was during this time that he composed one of the greatest bhajans ever heard in Hindi films. "Aarti main to prem diwan mera dand na jaye koi" sung by Lata Mangeshkar for the movie Naubat. He was not very successful commercially-speaking, yet garnered enormous respect from his colleagues. He also gave Indeevar and Anand Bakshi their first breaks in the industry as lyricists; these two would later become two of the most sought-after songwriters in Mumbai in the late 1960s.

The 1960s proved to be the golden age for Roshan and his music. His remarkable ability to meld folk music with Indian classical music became his trademark and resulted in many a successful score. During this time Roshan gave the Hindi movie industry some unforgettable hits, such as "Na To Karavan Ki Talaash Hai" and "Zindagi bhar nahi bhoologi woh bursat ki raat" ("Bursat Ki Raat", 1960), "Ab Kya Misaal Doon" and "Kabhi to milegi, kabhi to milegi" ("Aarti", 1962), "Jo Vada Kiya Wo Nibhana Padega", "Paao Chhoo Lene Do" and "Jum-e-illat pe" ("Taj Mahal", 1963), "Nigahen Milane To Jee Chahata Hai" and "Laaga Chunari Mein Daag" ("Dil Hi To Hai", 1963), "Sanson Se Bhaage Phirte Ho" and "Main Re Tu Kaah" ("Chitralekha", 1964), and "Oh Re Taal Mile" and "Khushi khushi kar do vida" ("Anochi Raat", 1968). He also composed some unforgettable melodies for the movie Maanta (1966) like "Rahen na rahen hum" and "Rehte the kabhi jinke dil mein". The most notable quality of his music was the melody. He had his own style of music and never compromised with the quality of his music. Nor did he ever play to the

gallery. He is especially remembered for the music which he rendered for qawwalis. Roshan had been suffering from chronic heart trouble for over 20 years and died of a heart attack on November 16, 1967 in Bombay. He won 1963 Filmfare Best Music Director Award for Taj Mahal. However qawwalis of Bursat Ki Raat have made him immortal

Rotary Centre - At your service once again !

Covid 19 played havoc in daily routine of all individuals. Ganesha Das Chadha Rotary Centre stopped serving the community on 22nd March, 2020 as per Govt guidelines. However it has again started functioning, albeit on a smaller scale. Eye OPD is again functional thanks to Rtn. PP Dr. K. K. Bhalla. The surgeries shall also be started shortly. Dental Wing is also operational in morning and evening shifts. Clinical laboratory has also resumed working. Stitching and Needle craft service has also been resumed from 2nd November. The working is as per COVID guidelines and SOP.



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NECTAR

Rotary International District 3070
Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh



Rotary in Partnerships



Gift of Life Adventure Foundation, Bangalore partners with Rotary District 3070 for Organ Donation Awareness



Rotary's Partnership with SMV Narayana Superspecialty Hospital, Katra renewed for Free Heart Surgeries of Children under Gift of Life Programme

Gift Goodness, This Diwali

by Rtn CA. Davinder Singh-District Governor

Goodness is a great virtue . It is the pivot of human character. Being a good person does not depend on our success or status in life, our race or skin color, political views or culture. It depends on how good we treat others.

Luckily, our beloved organisation Rotary gives us this opportunity to feel good by doing good to others . We can seize this opportunity by celebrating Diwali as a festival of goodness. The more goodness we spread , the more happier we will . This Diwali, I encourage you to gift to Rotary Foundation to help millions across the world.

May the supreme light illumine your minds and Enlighten your hearts with love & compassion !



Canadian Eyesight Global and Rotary Clubs of Amritsar Midtown and Amritsar South East have been partners in a number of projects in India. Recently we have reached an agreement to share their newsletters to speak about all good things we do!

- This page: Newsletter of Rotary Club of Amritsar Midtown.
- Next page: Newsletter of Rotary Club of Amritsar South East.



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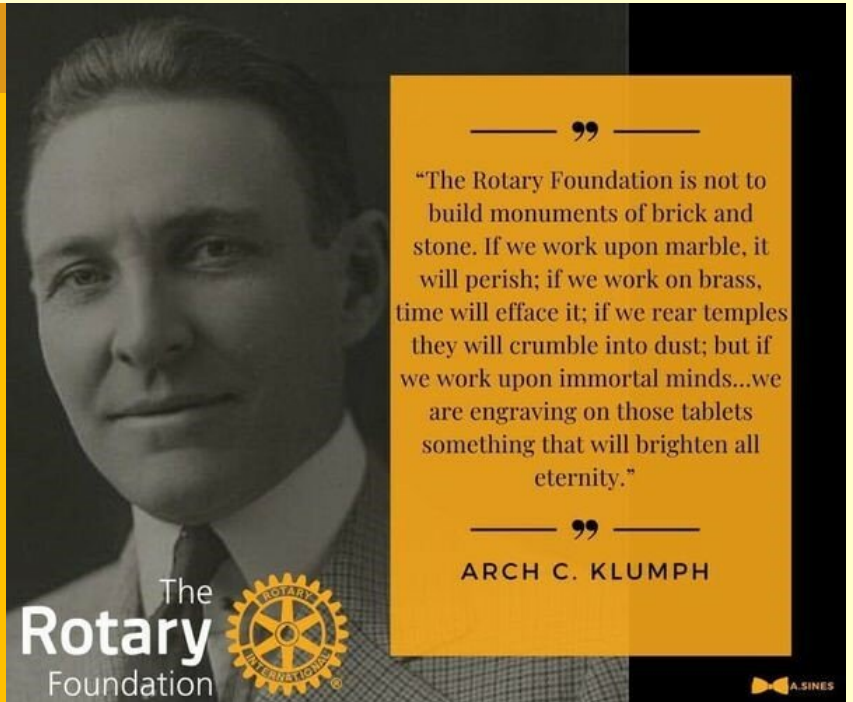
Free Optical Eye Glasses for Seniors in Amritsar

We are pleased to offer Free Optical Eye
 Glasses to all Seniors in Amritsar and Tarn-
 Taran, Punjab, India.

Any one interested joining hands in this
 noble project please contact
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ROTARY DISTRICT 3070

PROJECTS	464
COST	Rs. 13,146,669
BENEFICIARIES	117,531
MAN HOURS	29,424
ROTARIANS INVOLVED	5,558
MEMBERS	3,534
TRF (US\$)	2,490



— ” —
 “The Rotary Foundation is not to
 build monuments of brick and
 stone. If we work upon marble, it
 will perish; if we work on brass,
 time will efface it; if we rear temples
 they will crumble into dust; but if
 we work upon immortal minds...we
 are engraving on those tablets
 something that will brighten all
 eternity.”

— ” —
ARCH C. KLUMPH

Canadian Eyesight Global Free Eye Clinic at Singh Sabha Gurdwara

SURREY, March 1, 2020 – The Canadian Eyesight Global held a Free Eye Health Clinic at the Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara, Surrey on Sunday March 1, which was inaugurated by Harjit Sajjan, Minister of Defense Canada accompanied by MP Sukh Dhaliwal, MP Ken Hardie and number of VIP's attended.

Rotary Club of Surrey, Burnaby and New Westminster and dedicated volunteers provided the unstinted support to these Free Eye Health Clinic since 2004.

A dedicated team of Dr. David Neima, MD, FRCS(C) Ophthl. Dr. Alicia Ramirez, OD, Dr. Warren Whitford, Dr. Parmjit Sohal, MD, and dedicated volunteers and a special Guest Sonia Renu, from Nagpur, India and Angad Renu participated.

Over 115 people eyes were screened, free eye drops and Free Optical frames were given to the needy people. People with major eye problems were referred to the specialist eye surgeons and doctors. Hon. Harjit Sajjan appreciated this noble service being provided by Canadian Eyesight Global since 2004 to the community.

Special thanks to Dr. David Neima, MD, Dr. Alicia Ramirez, Dr. Warren Whitford, Dr. Parmjit Sohal, Satwant Ginder Sangha, Rotarian Garry Sass, Gurmel Dhaliwal, Amarjit Sidhu, Vicky Thind, Darshan Mann, Heaven Thind, Saroop Jubbal, Neena Sohal, Tanveer Sohal, Sonia Renu, Angad Renu, Jagnoor Singh, Prabhdeep Kaur, Navneet Kaur, Amandeep Kaur, Roshni Vijay, Raisha Abalos, Erin Abalos, Pami Sandhu, Kathy Lidder, Sonia Renu, Angad Renu and other dedicated volunteers.

Anyone interested sponsoring an eye camp in their village in Punjab or any part of India, may contact:



Senior citizens who took advantage of this Free Eye Clinic waiting for their turn



Dr. Alicia Ramirez and Dr. Paramjit Sohal consulting a senior at the Free Eye Clinic at Singh Sabha Gurdwara

Rotary Club of South Surrey lost a long time active member.

She will be greatly missed!

Sadly, on Thursday October 29, 2020, we lost a most remarkable woman and a great Rotarian. Renee Nicholson passed peacefully at the Peace Arch Hospice.

"Remarkable" barely scratches the surface of Renee's character and capabilities. With a significant disability (fused hip joints) Renee undaunted, advanced her life and career, most of which with Telus, from where she retired. Her contributions there were many and material as she progressed through position and responsibility. Renee was an RCMP Volunteer when introduced to Rotary by then Sgt. In Charge of the White Rock Detachment, Tom Forster, who brought her into our Millennium (now South Surrey) Rotary Club. Tom was President Elect and, recognizing Renee's organizational skills, attention to detail, thoroughness and capacity to get things done, compelled Renee to be his Secretary! With all her skills, charm and ability to be direct when necessary (in a wonderfully positive way) Renee contributed greatly to our Club. I

followed Tom as Club President and I too made it contingent on Renee being our Secretary. She was always so 'on top of things', forward looking and a great organizer. Awesome! Eventually Renee was our Club President. After about a decade in Rotary Renee's health began to affect her and she retired from Rotary three years ago. Her other volunteer activities (and there were several) were similarly scaled back....

Renee's great love was the Pacific Assistance Dogs Society, PADS. She glowed when she showed pictures of the dogs she had sponsored (and our Rotary Club of South Surrey's funded "trauma dog" for Sophie's Place), especially the puppies. I was lucky enough to be with her at Roo's 'graduation' event...Renee was a deserved VIP there! Renee has asked that in remembrance of her any donations could be forwarded to PADS.

I speak for all of our Rotary Club and all who knew you, Renee Nicholson, it has been our privilege...may God bless and keep you.

Patrick Hahn
Rotary Club of South Surrey



DISTRICT 5050 FOUNDATION NEWS

Three years ago, in the Rotary year 2016-17, District 5050 Rotarians made a gift to The Rotary Foundation - Annual Fund-Share that helped District 5050 raise \$400,156 generating \$200,078 in District Designated Funds (DDF) in 2019-20.

As a result, this past Rotary year, your gift ensured that an above average number of our clubs could leverage their club funds by receiving a District or Global Grant. This allowed our clubs to maximize their support of their local or international communities in need.

Your continued generosity and support to the Annual Fund-Share ensures our district can carry on projects that improve the lives of people in our local community and around the world. Thank you for Doing Good in the World!

Your District Foundation Grants Committee has, and will continue, to have a "let's find a way to get to YES" attitude. This positive attitude supports clubs in taking advantage of District and Global Grants.

The \$400,156 donated in 2016-17 came back to us last year, 2019-20, with \$200,078 in District Designated Funds (DDF) that we split 50/50 to support District and Global Grants. The remaining \$200,078 stays with the World Fund and is SHARED by all Rotary Clubs and Foundation programs.

Last Rotary year we were able support club funded projects with 20 District Grants awarding \$104,292 of DDF. Plus, we supported 13 Global Grants with \$235,134 of DDF. The 13 Global grants also received \$448,090 from the WORLD FUND. DDF that is not used in the year it is received is rolled into the next year. The result was last year we were able to use DDF and the World Fund to support our club projects with \$787,516. Several clubs were able to get a total \$123,352 of matching funds from the Canadian Government. Once you add in the Club funds, DDF, World Fund and the Canadian Government matches you get \$1,295,087 of Doing Good in the World.

Your donation to The Rotary Foundation - Doing Good In the World			
District Grant Projects funded in 2019-2020	Club Funds	District Designated Funds (DDF)	Total Project Budget
Kinder/Primary Classrooms Aldea Nueva, Copan, Honduras	\$1,096	\$1,096	\$2,192
Upgrade Kindergarten Copán Ruinas, Honduras	\$1,633	\$1,633	\$3,266
85 for 85 Commemorative Tree Planting, Chilliwack	\$15,754	\$10,000	\$25,754
Village BioSand Water Filtration System Philippines	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Home Renovation for Tri-Cities Friends of Refugees	\$1,850	\$1,850	\$3,700
Clean Water for the Ngäbe people, Bocos del Toro, Panama	\$10,000	\$9,492	\$19,492
Outreach project for addiction wellness clinic, Fidalgo Island	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$8,000
School furniture Copan Ruinas, Copan, Honduras	\$2,506	\$2,506	\$5,012
Langley Community Services Center facility Improvement Project, Langley	\$2,373	\$2,337	\$4,710
Disability Employment Event & Awards, Langley	\$1,877	\$1,877	\$3,754
Boy Scout Build 2.0, Marysville	\$6,058	\$6,000	\$12,058
Supply Feminine Product Kits & Training in Zambia	\$2,375	\$2,375	\$4,750
Likii Special Needs School upgrades to furniture & beds, Nanyuki, Kenya	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Repair & upgrades to Oak Harbor Lagoon Bridge, Oak Harbor	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$40,000
Building Youth Public Speaking, & Leadership skills, Port Moody	\$8,813	\$8,813	\$17,626
Bring power to village of Ingenios, Copan, Honduras	\$6,870	\$6,870	\$13,740
Upgrade power to Village of La Moya, Copan, Honduras	\$2,543	\$2,543	\$5,086
Sustainment of Ban Bang Boon Hospice, Thailand	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Improve living standards at Happy Home Children's Facility, Battambang, Cambodia	\$8,900	\$8,900	\$17,800
Support for Sources Women's Place, White Rock	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$18,000
District Grants	\$130,648	\$104,292	\$234,940

Rotary Club	Global Grant Projects 2019-2020 in submitted, approved or funded status	Club Funds	District 5050 Designated Funds (DDF)	The Rotary Foundation World Fund	Canadian Government Grant	Total Project Budget
Chilliwack	Fostering literacy-Tambogrande, Piura Peru	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$75,000	\$60,000	\$195,000
Fidalgo Island	Rural Medical Mission Outreach-Honduras	\$21,157	\$21,157	\$31,736		\$74,050
Chilliwack	Water & Sanitation for 12 schools, Dedre Birhan, Ethiopia - Multi District Project	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$33,750		\$78,750
Coquitlam	ARES project in Kenya	\$8,900	\$8,900	\$22,000	\$17,600	\$57,400
WR Peninsula	Human Milk Bank, Soa Paulo, Brazil	\$13,834	\$10,501	\$37,919	\$21,002	\$83,256
Fidalgo Island	Economic Development, Copan, Honduras	\$27,153	\$27,153	\$40,730		\$95,036
Mount Baker	Water wells-Niger State, Nigeria	\$14,650	\$14,550	\$21,875		\$51,075
White Rock	Dodoma Surgical & Obstetrical Laboratory, Tanzania	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$22,500		\$52,500
Langley Central	Food Crop Production of Swamp Rice, Liberia	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$45,000		\$105,000
Everett	Dajabon Greenhouse Gardens, Dominican Republic	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$46,325		\$106,325
Burlington	ARES project, Kenya	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$20,000		\$50,000
Sedro Wolley, Port Moody	Sanitation and Hygiene, El Jute, Guatemala	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$16,567		\$24,567
Port Moody +	Education, Literacy & Safety-Belize	\$15,375	\$12,375	\$34,688	\$24,750	\$87,188
<i>Global Grants</i>		\$253,569	\$235,136	\$448,090	\$123,352	\$1,060,147



"Isabelle, I never knew life could be so perfect until I met you. Thank you for always being there for me when times were difficult & challenging. Everything you do is a source of joy for me. I can never be sad when I'm around you. No greater light can ever brighten my path in life than the love you shine onto me every day. Today is our day of celebration of when you and I became one. You have given me so much in life, a beautiful family, devotion, love. Happy anniversary darling. I love you so much."

Dave S. Hayer



Dave and Isabelle proudly pose with their 7 grandchildren



Dave and Isabelle with their 8th grand daughter Cataleya Marie Hayer Drake born on October 5, 2020



Anup Singh Jubbal and Saroop Kaur Jubbal, together with the Board of Directors of Canadian Eyesight Global wish to extend their hearty congratulations to Dave and Isabelle.

Both Dave and Isabelle have been great supporters of Canadian Eyesight Global and our Projects.

We wish them all the best for many, many years of marital bliss!

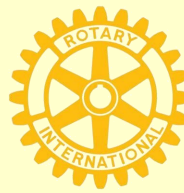
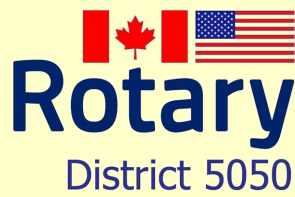


Even with the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, on Wednesday, November 11th Canadians across our great land gathered to remember our fallen heroes, those who sacrificed their lives in the service to our country in WWI, WW II, the Korean War, Bosnian war, and the war in Afghanistan. We also remember too those brave members of the Canadian Armed Forces serving in UN Peacekeeping roles.

My Father-in-law Jose Martinez Served in WWII in Europe, my father Tara Singh Hayer served proudly as a Captain in the Indian Army and my wife's Grandfather served in WWI. Lest We Forget.

- Dave S. Hayer

Spearheaded by Paul P. Harris, a Chicago lawyer, the club's membership expanded rapidly, as did its focus; Rotarians were soon using their newfound comradeship to reach out to less fortunate members of their community. The movement came to Canada in 1910, when the first Canadian club, the Winnipeg Rotary Club, was founded by P.A.C. McIntyre.



in boundaries.

In 1973, further changes removed Alaska and the Yukon to separate districts and moved the southern boundary to South West 152nd Street in Snohomish County, Washington.

In the succeeding decade, with a dramatic increase in the number of clubs and the extensive distance between the southern and northern clubs, the need for further redistricting became evident. A committee was formed in 1984 to study the problem. After considering several alternatives, a recommendation was submitted to Rotary International to split District 504 into two districts of about 30 clubs each.

The redistricting request was approved in February 1986. On July 1st, 1987, District 505 was established with 16 clubs in the State of Washington and 15 clubs in British Columbia.

The east, west and southern boundaries were not changed and the northern boundary was established as being approximately the Fraser River. Despite the separation, Districts 504 and 505 continued to enjoy a special relationship with one another, and have held joint District Conferences on three occasions (1992, 1994 and 2006).

On July 1st, 1991, District 505 became District 5050 as a part of the worldwide process of renumbering to accommodate overall growth in the world of Rotary.

Currently, there are fifty-eight clubs in District 5050 with a total membership of just over 2,700 Rotarians.

Throughout all of the changes, we have always been an international District. Our motto is: "50% American, 50% Canadian, 100% Rotarian".

We are also known as the "Peace Arch District". The Peace Arch stands on the longest undefended national border, with one foot anchored in American soil and one in Canadian soil, approximately in the middle of Rotary District 5050.

**Rotary International in Canada,
2010 - 100th Anniversary**



"It is a man's job to be a good Rotarian, and he who lives up to the precepts will be a good neighbour, a kind friend, a loving husband, a companionable father, and an asset to the community in which he lives."

Paul P. Harris, Founder, Rotary International

Oh, the simple pleasures of small-town life: the sense of fellowship and community; the warm, friendly neighbourhood ties. If only these rural values could be brought to life in the city.

And so began a movement—one that was born in a backroom in Chicago and would soon send ripples of goodwill across the border and around the world.

Rotary District 5050 extends from Everett, Washington, USA to Hope, British Columbia, Canada.

An easy way to remember the geographical location is that we are between Seattle, WA and Vancouver, BC but without either city.

Our District follows the I5 from Everett, across the border to the Lower Mainland, then up Highway 1 through the Fraser Valley.

Rotary first came to the Pacific Northwest, with the founding of the Seattle Rotary Club as "Club Number Four" (following Chicago, San Francisco and Oakland).

With the creation of new Rotary clubs, there have been many changes in the geographical areas and District numbering of the clubs that now comprise District 5050.

Everett, the oldest club in District 5050, was chartered March 1st, 1917 as Club Number 242.

Until 1945, Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, Alaska and parts of Idaho formed one district (under various numbers including District 15, 22, 1 and 102).

In 1945, major subdivisions were made on both a North-South and East-West basis. District 101 (later renumbered as 151) emerged and for a time we were the largest geographical district in the world of Rotary.

New subdivisions in 1956 removed Vancouver Island and Washington State, south of the King Country line from what now constitutes our District. In 1957, District 151 was redesignated as District 504 with no change

ROTARY DISTRICT 5050 LEADERSHIP

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR
2020-21**



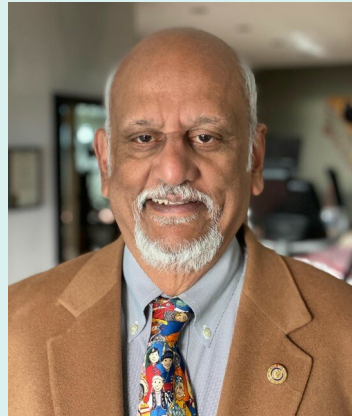
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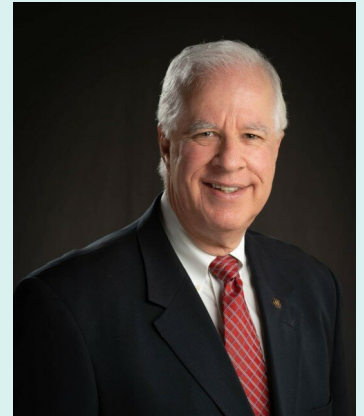
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DEAN ROHRS ELECTED TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Community Farming for a prosperous India



Any Indian village is like a multiple organ thing... if you work on the liver, the heart will, fail, if you work on the heart, the lung will fail. The life of the farmer who lives in that village is unpredictable. If I was a farmer, I would have got 10 heart attacks till now."

► [Read more about Mayank Gandhi and the extent of her social work](#)

RC Bombay mends little hearts with help from two global grants



With the help of two successful global grants, and a dedicated team manning its paediatric heart surgery project, Rotary Club of Bombay, RID 3141, has been helping to mend the hearts of children and the figure has crossed the 100 mark, with the children operated upon being 103.

► [Read more about this noble project](#)

Meet the team (Picture on Left ►



Hendreen Dean Rohrs
Trustee 2020-23
Rotary Club of Langley Central
British Columbia, Canada

Dean is an owner and administrator at Rhide Technologies Inc., which supplies soil stabilization products used in road construction. Earlier in her career, she had been a nurse in Cape Town, South Africa, on Christiaan Barnard's heart transplant team.

From 1959-90, she was active in Red Cross in South Africa. She served on the board of the West End Seniors' Network in British Columbia and is currently on the board of a girls school in Malawi.

Dean has been a Rotarian since 1989 and has served RI as vice president, director, Rotary coordinator, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and district governor. She is a Rotary Foundation Benefactor, Major Donor, and Bequest Society member.

She and her husband, Reinhold, are Paul Harris Fellows.



Anup S. Jubbal (CEO/President, Founder of Canadian Eyesight Global), pictured with the then Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney and the then Rotary International Vice President Dean Rohrs at the 30th Anniversary Celebrations of Canadian Eyesight Global on 18th August 2019.



Rotarians with doctors at the Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, Mumbai. DGN Sandip Agarwalla (second from left), and past president Vijay Jatia (fourth from left) and IPP Preeti Mehta (centre) are also in the picture.

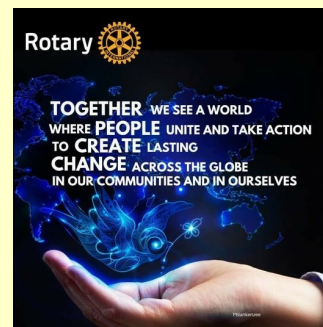
Diversity, equity must drive clubs



intentional in the change we want to see.

Rotary has a big enough heart. If we open our door wider, we might find a lot of interesting people with new voices and new perspectives. We already have a variety of clubs offering different styles, cultures and opportunities — and those who do not feel welcome in any particular club might be great candidates for new clubs created on different models. It's important that we make sure every new Rotary member is a good fit for their club.

Holger Knaack
Rotary International
President 2020-21



Rotary Opens Opportunities

We all know Rotary's tremendous power to transform our communities and ourselves. However, in every community, people have been left out, and we have not made a strong enough effort to reach them.

The RI Board of Directors is taking action to make Rotary more welcoming and diverse. We formed a task force to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion to help clubs attract new members regardless of gender, race, religion, age, or other factors. This will help us speed up the change we all want and need. The selection of Jennifer E Jones as Rotary president for 2022-23 — the first woman to lead our organization — is another step in this direction.

At the grassroots level, clubs drive inclusion and diversity. Alia Ali — who serves on the board of directors at the Big West Rotaract Multidistrict Information Organization and is a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards alumna and past president of the **Rotaract Club of Surrey-Newton, British Columbia** — offers her perspective.

(see inset on right) ▶▶▶

We already connect so many people across the world. Imagine the possibilities when we bring even more people along for the ride. That's the future of Rotary I want to see: one where we are unstoppable in our service, relentless in our kindness, and



Alia Ali
Big West Rotaract Multidistrict
Information Organization
Rotaract Club of Surrey-Newton

I still remember the relief I felt as a RYLA participant four years ago. I had finally found my people: people who cared as much as I did. All over the world, Rotary has the same heart. We serve our communities and take action where others feel paralyzed by the size and scope of a problem.

Let's continue that spirit, especially when the conversation is difficult. Racism, prejudice and discrimination take on different forms but exist in

every country, in every city, and in every person. How do we root it out?

As a diversity, equity, and inclusion consultant, I help organizations create a culture that empowers and attracts everyone using the power of empathy. When we feel with others as if they were ourselves, we cannot hold prejudice in our hearts. When every child reminds you of your own child, when every woman or man reminds you of your mother or brother, you start seeing the world differently.

We can apply The Four-Way Test through the lens of empathy. Are we building goodwill and friendship with everyone in our area, including women? Are things fair and beneficial to people of all ages? Who has to make choices that you don't have to make?

I made a heartbreaking choice between Rotary and my religion when a Rotary convention was held during Ramadan. I wondered: When we ask if this is fair and beneficial to all concerned, did that not include me as a Muslim? Would the convention ever be held over Easter? Only by asking difficult questions can we begin the work of creating a more inclusive and diverse Rotary.

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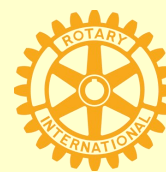
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