



## August 2019 - Diane's District Diary



**by Diane Cordero de Noriega**  
**District Governor 2019-20**

Dear District:

July's theme was Celebrating New Leadership, and I had the pleasure of helping some clubs in our District install their new officers. I kicked off my year a week ahead of schedule with White Salmon-Bingen, followed by the induction of Beaverton's new team.

My first "official" duty was to help the Rotary Club of Tillamook celebrate their 30th Anniversary and help induct 6 new members! Every new District Governor has the honor of riding in the Hillsboro 4th of July parade. What a fun experience, riding in the back of a convertible, driven by PDG Norb Murray and tossing candy to hundreds of children lining the streets. I also had the honor to install West Linn's new officers.

Looking forward, August is Membership and New Club Development month. As I write this, we still have one more week in July, but we are currently up 31 new members! Tillamook takes first place with 6 new members, McMinnville is second with 4. While it is wonderful to see so many new Rotarians in the District, we still have not made up for those we lost at the end of the 2018-19 year.

With respect to building the next generation of Rotarians, we have chartered a new Interact Club at Columbia High School, sponsored by White Salmon-Bingen. The Clark County Rotaract club is also coming back and planning a Charter night celebration soon. Registrations for the Emerging Professionals Summit, August 10, are coming in last minute as usual. If your club has not put together their team, this is the final call. You do not want to miss this event. We have two stellar speakers joining us: former Director Brad Howard and our RI rock star Mitty Chang. I know all clubs are looking forward to having additional young professionals, this is a chance to do some planning with some of the experts in Rotary.

I also had the pleasure of welcoming the RYLA participants at Menucha in the Columbia River Gorge. Many of the participants are Rotarians, as well as Rotaractors, and young professionals who heard about this opportunity. Our D5100 Chair Daniel Spalding and Asst. Chair Rhett Martin did a fantastic job organizing this week of leadership development.

As predicted by my predecessors, the club visits are the frosting on the cake. I have been impressed visit after visit with what our clubs do for their communities. It is truly an inspiration. It has been gratifying to recognize **People of Action** to Rotarians. My very first impression of Rotary many years ago, was that these are People of Action. And it still holds true. I close with a Paul Harris quote from The Rotarian, November 1911. "Rotarians are much more favorably disposed toward action than they are toward words"

### Mark your Calendars:

District Training Assembly: April 18, 2020 at Oregon City High School  
District Conference: May 14-17, 2020 at Mt. Hood Oregon Resort in Welches.



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### Mark Your Calendar

#### Upcoming District Events

**Sept. 28, 2019** - Foundation Seminar

**Oct. 26, 2019** - Membership & Public Image Seminar

**Feb. 20, 2020** - PrePETS, SeaTac, Doubletree Hotel

**Feb. 21-23, 2020** - PETS, Seatac, Doubletree Hotel, [PNW PETS](#)

**Apr. 18, 2020** - District Training Assembly, Oregon City High School

**May 14-17, 2020** - District Conference, Mt. Hood Oregon Resort, Welches, OR

**Rotary International Convention**  
**June 6-10, 2020, Honolulu, HI**



Questions/concerns/praise to share?

You can reach me via email at: [dcdnoriega@me.com](mailto:dcdnoriega@me.com)

## Membership Corner & New Rotarian Spotlight by Claudia Yakos, District Membership Chair



Club and district leaders: an array of membership [resources](#) can help you engage current members, connect with prospective members, make new members feel welcome, and assess and develop your club.

Membership Resources: [Learning Reference](#)

Refer a Member: [Member Referral](#)

Why Join: [Reasons to Join](#)

Questions or Comments? Contact [Claudia Yakos](#), 2019-2021 District 5100 Membership Chair.

Does your club have a new member you'd like to see featured? If so, please contact District Membership Chair, [Claudia Yakos](#).

## The Rotary Foundation Grants by PDG Tom Markos, District TRF Chair

The Rotary Foundation and the District 5100 Rotary Foundation committee are dedicated to six areas of focus to build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever.

The New Year brings fresh District Designated Funds (DDFs) to our District for your club to pursue making a difference in the world and in our communities. District Grants do not have to choose or even use an area of focus for approval. Global grants are required to do projects that fall under the Areas of Focus. Whichever your club chooses you will be making a difference in the world.

For more information on the areas of focus and Rotary's causes click on this [link](#).

### 2018 Rotary International Foundation Grants awarded

Preventing Disease:	\$35,660,986
Providing Clean Water:	\$18,761,791
Supporting Education:	\$10,998,136
Growing Local Economies:	\$10,503,910
Saving Mothers and Children:	\$ 7,201,667
Promoting Peace:	\$ 3,547,890
<b>Total 2018-19 Rotary Grants</b>	<b>\$86,677,399</b>

**Save the date (September 28th) for the District Rotary Foundation Seminar.**

[Tom Markos](#)

District Rotary Foundation Chair

*Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*

## PolioPlus - Polio News by PDG Norb Murray, District PolioPlus Chair



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## August is Membership and New Club Development Month



## Youth Exchange

by Dan Boldt, District YE Chair



Dear District 5100 Rotarians,



I have taken over the position of District PolioPlus Chair from PDG Doug Taylor. Doug did a great job and has laid out the challenge for me. With my first entry to Diane's District Diary I would like to share with you where we stand and what our accomplishments were for the immediate past Rotary Year.

As of July 10, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative reports there were 42 cases of wild poliovirus to date for 2019 in the three endemic countries of Pakistan (32),

Afghanistan (10) and Nigeria (0). This is somewhat discouraging as in the same year-to-date in 2018 there had only been 14 cases with 33 for the entire year. Given the challenges of Pakistan and Afghanistan such as remote areas, rugged terrain, nomadic populations, cultural and religious distrust and ongoing conflict these numbers are not a surprise. Next month I will address the commitment and strategies to overcome these obstacles.

Nigeria has not seen a case of the wild poliovirus (WPV) since 2016. If the country can maintain that status, they should be declared polio free soon. In the two remaining countries strategies to overcome the challenges have and continue to be put into place to reach all the children. With our continuing support we will see an end to polio.

"Our Support" is the key phrase. Those in the field administering the vaccine cannot do so without funding and moral support from the rest of the world. We have a lot to be proud of for what we have done so far. In the U.S. Rotarians have raised more than \$359 million of the \$1.9 billion Rotary has contributed to polio eradication. Our Rotary zone, Zone 25, was #4 worldwide for polio contributions last year. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation made a two-for-one challenge to Rotary to raise \$50 million for the year. Although the numbers are not yet official it has been reported Rotary met the challenge which means \$150 million towards polio eradication.

The district goal for polio contributions last year was \$87,895. The actual amount raised was \$114,300, 130% of our goal. Congratulations to Clackamas as the #1 club in the District, contributing \$7576. Rounding out the top five were Wilsonville (\$6740), Pendleton (\$6255), Silverton (\$6153) and Hood River (\$5049).

Rotary has made a promise to the world and we must keep it. We do that through funding, creating awareness and advocacy. World Polio Day is October 24. Consider what your club might do to for that day within the club and your community.

For assistance contact: [PDG Norb Murray](#)

## Vocational Service - The 4-Way Test Essay or Speech Contest by David W. Potts, District Vocational Service Chair

As outlined in previous articles, Vocational Service and Youth Service overlap in a number of areas. Although the majority of items dealing with youth are managed through Youth Service, there are many projects where Vocational Service can collaborate with Youth Service.

In this month's newsletter article, we will investigate one such program, The 4-Way Test Essay and Speech Contests for middle schools.

Unfortunately, many middle schools (and high schools) do not teach ethics to their students. The earlier we can teach a student about ethics, the better the chance the student can incorporate ethical behavior into their lives (and, hopefully, work toward living by The 4-Way Test). Many middle-school students should be mature enough to understand the importance of ethics once they are exposed to it.

This turnkey program involves students, identified by the English and Speech teachers of local schools. The students are taught about ethics and The 4-Way Test and then they will either write a speech or an essay about ethics and applying The 4-Way Test to their life, experiences and/or society in general. The speeches and essays are then submitted to the local Rotary club, who then submits them to the District for judging. The top 3 essays and speeches (District-wide) are selected, and the local Rotary club(s) are notified of the winners. The winners are then invited to the District Conference to read their speeches or essays (this was not done at the District Conference in 2019).

Exactly one year ago I wrote in this column that July is a month of traveling Rotary Youth Exchange students. This hasn't changed - the 2018-19 exchange cycle has come full circle. Our 2018-19 inbound students have completed their exchanges and all have returned home. Only two of our D5100 outbound students remain in country. Early morning and late night round trips from The Dalles to PDX took their toll on yours truly this year!

Your Rotary Youth Exchange Country Officers, with most 2019-20 inbounds and outbounds arriving in August, are now taking a couple of weeks to get away for family vacations. My wife, Kim, and I look forward to spending a week together... with no airports involved!

I am so grateful my small club in The Dalles continues to sponsor youth exchange - this year with two inbounds and two outbounds. If your club is not in the youth exchange program you are missing out on the energy and goodwill these youth bring to weekly club meetings. You are also missing out on warm and lasting relationships.

Please feel free to contact any D5100 Youth Exchange Committee member if your club might be interested in learning more. Contact information can be found on our website at: [www.youthexchange5100.org](http://www.youthexchange5100.org).

Lilee Roggow, Rotary Club of Milton-Freewater recently returned from Tver, Russia. In this [video](#), produced in Russia, she provides some insight into her out-of-the-ordinary exchange.



Now that Lilee and her fellow 2018-19 students are home, please stay

involved in their lives and help them through their "Second Exchange." These remarkable students matured significantly during their exchange year. They became self-reliant problem-solvers, capable of so much more than they ever imagined. Many will continue to thrive, but some will struggle with everyday life back home. Please offer non-judgemental friendship to these ambassadors of Rotary. Invite them to your weekly club meetings. Initiate conversations. You will be rewarded with insightful observations from smart young men and women.

In District 5100, 7th graders are invited to participate in the essay contest and 8th graders are invited to participate in the speech contest.

The first step, after familiarizing yourself with the program, is for a member of the local Rotary club to reach out to faculty at the middle school(s) in your club's immediate area, with an engagement letter, outlining the details of the program. This initial contact should be performed in the fall. If the faculty wishes to move forward with The 4-Way Test Essay or Speech Contest programs, the local Rotary club will work with faculty to provide them with any further documentation or assistance needed.

Next, the faculty invites students to participate in the program. Students should submit their entries by mid-February. The entries may be judged by either teachers or Rotarians, or both (decided by each club and school), and each Rotary club can submit one student as an entry in [each of] The 4-Way Test Essay and Speech Contests.

In April, each participating club submits its entry for The 4-Way Test essay and/or speech to the District, for final judging.

The District committee [chosen to judge The 4-Way Test Essay and Speech Contest] selects the top 3 submissions. Often, District 5100 invites the winners of the contests (the top 3 entries, selected, for each of the two programs), to present their entries at the District Assembly, and may provide a prize for each of the winners.

If you have had positive experiences with Vocational Service programs or have ideas for other Vocational Service programs or projects, please let me know, so that I may showcase your experiences for other clubs.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions about The 4-Way Test Roundtable Discussion Program, Rotary Vocational Service, are interested in Vocational Service presentations or projects or if you are interested in starting a Vocational Service committee in your club. You can email me at [david.w.potts@att.net](mailto:david.w.potts@att.net) or 503-659-5588.

Yours in peace and Rotary service-  
Dave

#### A reminder for an upcoming event:

Rebound Reunion Weekend  
August 16-18, 2019  
Canby Grove Christian Center  
7501 S. Knights Bridge Road  
Canby, OR 97013

A special time for our rebound students, like Lilee, to reconnect with one another. We also provide training sessions, based upon the experiences of previously-returned students, to help our rebounds cope with confusing feelings and life issues they are dealing with. Please be sure your club's recent rebound has a ride to Canby.

#### And, for club Counselors and Host Families:

Host Club Counselor Orientation and Host Parent Orientation  
8:30 am - 1:00 pm, August 17  
Canby Grove Christian Center  
7501 S. Knights Bridge Road  
Canby, OR 97013

Yours in Rotary Service,  
[Dan Boldt](#).

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