



Let's
celebrate
Rotary

April 28th - May 1st, 2016

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Letter from
John Anderson,
District Governor

Dear Rotary Friends,

The Conference Committee joins me in welcoming you all to our 2015-16 District Conference and its parallel youth conference. Our theme is Celebration and we are delighted that our whole Rotary family is represented here in Whistler this weekend. The purpose of each district conference is to see how far we have come in Rotary through the year and to discuss plans for the future. It is a time to link up with old friends and to meet new ones.

Claire and I have been fortunate to meet so many of you and get to know your projects and your aspirations. We have much to be proud of in District 5040 and good reason to 'Celebrate Rotary'. In keeping with trends in the Rotary World we are slowly increasing our membership. This year we welcomed our first Rotary Community Corps Group and chartered two new Interact Clubs. In 5040 Rotarians have given generously to the Foundation and we have surpassed our goals in giving to eradicate polio. During the conference it will be my honor to award accolades to various clubs and individual Rotarians. While we congratulate and celebrate these recipients, it is always a tough job to select award winners as we have so many wonderful projects supported by outstanding Rotarians throughout our district.

What better place for a celebration than Whistler. We trust you will find time to explore the natural surroundings, dine out in the village and enjoy the many activities offered in this year-round destination. Finally we hope that you enjoy the program that has been designed to educate and inspire us and help us feel proud to be Rotarians. We thank the sponsors who have contributed so generously to the success of our conference, they deserve our full support. We thank our speakers for sharing their knowledge and their talents but mostly, we thank you for being here and contributing to the warmth, friendship and fun of this conference.

Enjoy the weekend,
John L. Anderson
District Governor 2015-16, Rotary District 5040



Letter from
K.R. Ravindran,
RI president

Dear Rotarians and friends,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to this 2015-16 District Conference. Every district conference is a valuable opportunity to refresh ourselves, recharge our energies, and renew our acquaintance with our fellow Rotarians. For these few days, we step out of our daily responsibilities, and focus ourselves completely on Rotary. It is a time to assess where we are, where we are heading, and how best to move forward.

Rotary membership is on the rise worldwide, with Rotarians serving in more clubs than ever before. It is our responsibility to keep looking, both within the Rotary family and outside of it, for new members: finding ways to smooth the path from our youth programs to Rotary membership, while continuing to reach out to older members who still have so much to give. It is also our responsibility to keep up the momentum: to ensure that every new member finds value and meaning in Rotary, and becomes an asset to their club.

As we look ahead to Rotary's future, we look forward as well to our greatest achievement yet: the eradication of polio. We hope and believe that in this year, the world will see its last case of this terrible disease. Yet, as we all know, reaching this milestone does not mean that we have reached the end of our work. Three years must pass before the world can be certified polio-free. During that time, we must continue to immunize children, continue to monitor the environment for signs of the virus, and keep awareness high. In these most critical days, every one of us has a role to play in ensuring our success. I send my best wishes for an enjoyable and productive district conference. And I look forward with all of you to a wonderful and historic year, in which Rotary will indeed Be A Gift to the World.

Sincerely,
K.R. Ravindran
President, Rotary International 2015-16

Keynote Speakers



Julia Phelps

Our RI International President's representative, Julia Phelps is a Director on the RI Board for 2014-16 representing Zones 24 and 32.

Julia joined the Rotary Club of Amesbury, MA in 1997 and was its president in 2001-2. She was Governor of District 7930 in 2007-8 and has held many leadership positions at the club, district and RI levels. Julia has served as a trainer for NE PETS and the International Assembly.

Julia holds a Doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Indiana and has recently retired as the Associate Commissioner for Curriculum and Instruction at the Massachusetts Department of Education. Julia is the recipient of the Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and both she and her husband, Steve McKenzie, are Major Donors, PHS and Bequest Society members.



Julia Smith

Julia's connection with Rotary started as a Rotary Exchange Student in South Africa and after considerable work in Kenya, she was selected as a Rotary Peace Fellow in 2008 sponsored by the Rotary Club of Squamish. She holds a Masters Degree and PhD in Peace Studies from the University of Bradford England. She has worked in South Africa, Sierra Leone and Kenya. Currently she is a Postdoctoral Fellow at Simon Fraser University focused on an international research project on global health.



Steve Mason

Steve is the Director of Programs for the Aga Khan Foundation Canada and is responsible for managing a program portfolio of 20 countries. In his eleven years with the Aga Khan Foundation Steve has worked in Mali, Afghanistan and Nairobi. He previously held the position of Executive Director of the United Nations Association in Canada, based in Ottawa.

Steve holds a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Cambridge and has worked with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in West Africa, Department of Foreign Affairs, Canada and the Human Rights Commission in New Brunswick.

Keynote Speakers



Danielle Lallement

Danielle joined Rotary in 2007 at the age of 32, the youngest member of her club. She earned accolades in fundraising and for her work with the club's Mexican projects. In 2014 she was chosen as a delegate for the Rotary International Young Professional Summit in Chicago and went on to form the West Coast Young Professionals

Summit for Zones 25 and 26. In 2015 President Ravi invited Danielle to serve as an advisor to the RI Membership Committee representing Young Professionals Rotary Clubs.

Danielle started her nursing career in the Trauma Intensive Care unit in Reno Nevada and then relocated to San Francisco to take a position as a Nursing Supervisor. There she became the Charter President of the San Francisco Evening Club, which has grown to the second largest club in San Francisco and has provided a model for three other clubs in the Bay area.



Ezra Teshome

Ezra was Governor of District 5030 in Seattle in 2013-14. He has earned accolades worldwide for his work in Africa, which has focused on global health issues, the eradication of polio and bringing clean water to villages in rural Ethiopia. He has led many trips with Rotarians from the US and Canada, which have resulted in thousands of children being vaccinated against polio.

Ezra has been praised by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; honored at the White House, named 2010 World Citizen by the World Affairs Council and Global Health Hero by Time Magazine. He and his wife, Yobi live in Seattle where he has built a successful insurance and financial services business.



Penny LeGate

Penny is an Emmy award winning journalist and a daring storyteller with heart. She is passionate about issues in developing nations such as polio eradication, clean water, educating girls, literacy, maternal health and environmental conservation. She has travelled widely through Africa and Asia to tell Rotary's story and was

a keynote speaker at the 2011 Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. Penny is best known as a TV anchor at KIRO 7 and as co-host of King 5's Evening Magazine. She has spent considerable time on the front lines in the war against polio and looks forward to the day the war is over.

Program

FRIDAY APRIL 29, 2016

- 7:30-9:30am** Registration, Exhibit Booths open
- 9:15-10:30** Official Party is escorted into Ballrooms B and C
Flag ceremony
USA and Canadian anthems
Xayiltenaat/Shirley Lewis, Squamish Nation
Hon. Kevin Lamb, Honorary Australian Consul General
Nancy Wilhelm-Morden - Mayor of Whistler
District Governor John Anderson, Rotary District 5040
Rotary International President's Representative RI Director Julia Phelps
WELHTIMA KEXWUSEM - Squamish Nation Education Dance Group
Culture Bringing People Together
- 10:45-11** **Coffee Break - 15 minutes**
- 11-11:55** Julia Smith - Peace Scholar
Steve Mason - Aga Kahn Foundation
- 12:15-2:45** **Buffet Lunch and Awards**
RI Director Julia Phelps
Danielle Lallement - *Attracting Young Professionals to Rotary*
2017 Conference Presentation
- 2:45-3** **Break**
- 3-4** District 5040 Inc. AGM
- 4-4:15** Council on Legislation Report - Penny Offer - 5040 Rep.
- 3:50-6** **Whistler Activities**
- 6-7:30** Dinner at Merlins Pub - First Sitting
- 7:45-10** Dinner at Merlins Pub - Second Sitting

SATURDAY APRIL 30, 2016

- 9:00am**
- 9:20-9:40** Doors open and opening remarks
RI President's Representative RI Director Julia Phelps
- 9:45**
- 10-11:30** **Move to Breakout sessions**
- 10-10:30** Showcase 5040 - Poster Presentation | Empress A&B
Breakout session 1 | *Branding Your Club: The Sizzle and the Sale*
Moderator Penny Offer | MacDonald Room E
Breakout session 2 | *Youth in Rotary*
Moderator Sue Godey | Macdonald Room F
- 10:30-11** **Coffee Break - 30 minutes**
- 11-11:30** Breakout session 3 | *Communication/Public Image*
Moderator Brian Finley | MacDonald Room E
Breakout session 4 | *Rotary At Issue Panel*
Moderator Kevin Evans | Macdonald Room F
- 11:30**
- 11:45 - 1pm** **Transition time**
- 1-2:30** **Buffet Lunch and Awards - Ballrooms A, B and C**
PDG Ezra Teshome - *End Polio Now - An Ethiopian Journey*
Penny LeGate - *We are this close!*
Youth Presentation YEX RYLA and Interact
- 2:15-3:30** Rotaract Facilitated Conversation | Ezra Teshome | MacDonald Room
- 2:50-3:05** **Transition time - 15 minutes**
- 3:05-3:35** Breakout session 5 | *Taking our Foundation for GRANTED*
Moderator Garry Shearer | MacDonald Room E
Breakout session 6 | *Membership Matters*
Moderator Tom Smith | Ballroom C
- 5:30-6:45** Hospitality Suite | Paul Harris Society/Bequest & Major Donors (by invite)
- 6-7:15** Cash Bar
- 7:15-9:30** Governor's Gala Banquet | Ballroom A, B, C
Major Awards
Entertainment - Improv Group
- 9:30-10:30**
- 10:30** Social activities in the Village

Program

SUNDAY MAY 1, 2016

- 9-9:50am** Memorial Service | MacDonald Room E
- 10-12pm** Sunday Brunch | Ballroom B and C
Conference Video / Slide Show | Kyle Gomes
Rotary Jeopardy with all STAR Contestants -
test your Rotary Knowledge - PDG Chris Offer
President's Representative Julia Phelps Final Remarks
DG John Anderson remarks & passing of banner to DGE Lyn Stroshin
DGE Lyn Stroshin comments
DG John Anderson-closing remarks
- 12:00pm** Farewell, Travel Safely

DISTRICT 5040 CONFERENCE TEAM

Conference Chair - Rick Lewall
Registration - Mike Storey(chair) and Joy Jones
Treasurer - Dan McGrath
Secretary - Claire Anderson
Program - Rick Lewall(chair), Mike Storey, Penny Offer and Sherrie Jamieson
Speakers - John Anderson(chair) Garry Shearer and Chris Offer
Decorations, Hospitality and Flowers - Leslie Abramson
Youth Programs - Tanya Hall
Rotaract - Jacob Helliwell and Bianca Yeung
Media and Video - John Charbonneau
Awards and Gifts - Sherrie Jamieson
Website Coordinator - Chris Offer
Sponsorship - Ross and Beth Harlow
Master of Ceremonies - Dave Hamilton
Sergeant at Arms - Graham Witcher
Memorial Service and Opening Ceremonie - Gordon Dalglish
Meal Co-ordinator - Larry Belsito
Hotel Co-ordinator - Magdalen Leung
Exhibit and Displays - Paul Rollo

Showcase 5040

1. Hippo Roller - Linda Ryan/Luke Vorsterman RC of Gibsons
2. Ndandini/Kyaithani Kenya - Terry Umbach Sunshine Coast
3. Liz Scroggins Pemberton/Whistler
4. Write to Read Project - PDG Bob Blacker
5. Rotaract - Jacob Helliwell
6. Rotaract Pace - Eric Young
7. Rotary Peace Fellowships - Peace Scholars & Peace Centres, Gloria Staudt/Chris Offer
8. New Generations Service experience Gina Rawson
9. Youth Exchange - Sue Godey
10. Tekera - Sonja and Brigid Sangster
11. Lifeline Malawi - Kevin Hill/ Edwin Lee
12. Journey to the Well -Tanzania, Dolly Hinton P.G Nechako
13. Bali - Burnaby Club Vikki Mackay
14. Uganda Home of Angels - Barb Giraud /Rick Lewall
15. Laos Water Project - Mike Storey
16. Breakfast Project - Liz Scott - Squamish Club
17. Gaming Grant - Liz Scott - Squamish Club
18. Dental Mission Philippines Project, Elena Agala Richmond Sunrise
19. Shelterbox - Chris Loate West Vancouver Sunrise
20. Literacy in BC Decoda Literacy Program Leona Gadesby
21. International Projects Richmond Sunset Magdalen Leung
22. Adventure in Forestry and Environmental Studies - Prince George Yellowhead

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