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Isabelle Martinez Hayer – District Governor

March 1, 2026 Report



Rotary International is a global network of more than 1.2 million members in over 45,000 clubs across more than 200 countries. For 121 years, since February 23, 1905, Rotarians have generously given their time, talent, and resources to advance sustainable projects that protect the environment, fight disease, provide clean water, promote peace, support women and children, strengthen local economies, and address countless other needs that improve lives in communities around the world.

Rotary District 5050 is part of Zone 28, which includes 20 Rotary Districts across Canada, parts of the United States, and France (St. Pierre & Miquelon). Under the leadership of Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo, this year's presidential theme is **"Unite for Good."** This call to action reflects Rotary's vision statement:

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

Rotary District 5050 proudly spans the international border between the United States and Canada, connecting communities along the I-5 corridor from Everett, Washington, north into the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. Entering Canada through Surrey, BC, the district follows Highway 1 west to North Delta, Port Moody and east through the Fraser Valley corridor to Hope, BC.

The district is home to 64 clubs and more than 2,200 active and honorary Rotarians and Rotaractors. We bring together changemakers of all ages, fostering leadership development and advancing sustainable, community-driven initiatives that create meaningful and measurable local impact.

Since July 1, 2025, I have had the privilege of visiting most of the clubs across our District. The thoughtful conversations, inspiring local and global initiatives, and valuable insights gathered through club and youth surveys have meaningfully shaped my presentations and strengthened our ability to share District data and impact with Rotary International and our partner organizations. Thank you for welcoming me so warmly during my club visits and for including me in your community projects. I am truly grateful for your generosity, hospitality, and the opportunity to witness your impact firsthand.

Our Club Presidents have served with exceptional dedication, staying connected, collaborating with one another and engaging with District leaders through WhatsApp and other platforms. Their commitment to open communication and shared leadership continues to strengthen our entire District and exemplifies Rotary at its very best.

I am truly inspired by the way clubs have united to support multi-club projects, joint installations, and inclusive celebrations. It fills me with pride to be a member of Rotary District 5050, surrounded by a compassionate and committed Rotary family that genuinely cares for and uplifts one another.

In July, we gathered at Peace Arch Park for our "Rotary Hands Across the Border" celebration. Together, we installed the new District Board of Directors and celebrated the remarkable impact of The Rotary

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Foundation through generous club giving and pledges. It was a beautiful day that truly embodied connection, collaboration, and shared purpose.

The 2025–2026 year began with 1,910 active Rotarians across the district. We were saddened to say goodbye to the South Whidbey club, which could no longer sustain operations. However, we are grateful that many of its members joined neighboring clubs and are thriving in their continued Rotary journey.

Rotary District 5050 now includes 64 clubs: 54 Rotary Clubs, 8 Rotaract Clubs, and 2 Satellite Clubs. As of February 20, Rotary International reports 2,262 total members in our district, including 1,975 active members, 71 Rotaractors, and 215 honorary Rotarians and Rotaractors.

Membership growth does not happen by accident. It is the direct result of the dedication and outreach of Club Presidents, Membership Chairs, and Rotarians who courageously extend the invitation and make “the ask.” When we say, “Come join us. See what we do. Be part of meaningful impact in our communities,” we open the door to transformation, both for new members and for Rotary itself. Growing membership is one of the most powerful ways we expand Rotary’s impact in the world.

In September 2025, we were honoured to welcome a Friendship Exchange team from Hungary, a reciprocal visit following a district delegation led by PDG David Lukov the previous year. Many clubs graciously hosted and created an exceptional experience for our Hungarian Rotary family. My sincere thanks to all who participated, and especially to Friendship Exchange Chair Danielle Mullen, who carried much of the organizational responsibility with dedication, patience, and grace.

September also provided valuable learning opportunities for incoming leadership. District Governor Elect (DGE) Kathleen Olson (RC Arlington) and District Governor Nominee (DGN) Shawn O’Donnell (RC South Everett/Mukilteo) traveled to Winnipeg to participate in an intensive leadership development session for future governors, known as Zone seminars.

The District Governor Elect year is one of significant responsibility, as board positions must be filled and learning events organized. Kathleen has done an outstanding job onboarding three new Assistant Governors who will begin their terms on July 1, 2026:

- Area A – Leanne Adderley (Chilliwack Mount Cheam)
- Area G – Steve Ban (RC Bellingham)
- Area I – Ruth Richardson (Sedro-Woolley)

Kathleen has also worked closely with Leadership Development Chair Sean Hogan and district teams to support curriculum design and coordinate learning events throughout 2025–2026. These include Success Seminars, Pre-PELS (training for 2026–2027 Presidents), orientation meetings for newly appointed district leaders, and other key development opportunities. In February, Kathleen will lead the Presidents-Elect Learning Seminar (PELS), supporting incoming club presidents in strengthening their leadership skills. She

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will also guide the District Learning Assembly on April 11, 2026. It is a full and demanding year, and Kathleen has embraced it with professionalism, energy, and excellence. Excellent work, Kathleen!

District Governor Nominee Shawn O'Donnell has also been deeply engaged as he prepares to lead the "Rotary Hands Across the Border" event on August 8, 2026, and further immerse himself in district committees and leadership responsibilities. In his role as Senior Assistant Governor, Shawn supports thirteen extraordinary Assistant Governors who serve their clubs with passion, dedication, and unwavering commitment:

Area:

Clubs:

- A** -Michael Berger (Chilliwack) - serving Chilliwack, Chilliwack After Hours, Chilliwack Fraser, Chilliwack Mount Cheam, and Hope
- B** - Erin Osterberg (PNW Passport) – serving Abbotsford, Abbotsford-Matsqui, Abbotsford-Sumas, and Rotaract Fraser Valley
- C** - Linda Mross (Langley Central) - serving Aldergrove, Langley, Langley Central, Langley Sunrise, and Rotaract Club of Langley
- D** - Maureen Boyd (Coquitlam) - serving Coquitlam, Coquitlam Sunrise, Port Coquitlam Centennial, and Port Moody
- E** - Shawn Gold (North Delta) – serving North Delta, Surrey, Surrey-Newton, and Rotaract Club of Surrey
- F** - Carla Hanson (White Rock) – serving PNW Passport, Semiahmoo, South Surrey, White Rock, and Nature Celebrators BC
- G** -Michael Bates (Bellingham Bay) - serving Bellingham Bay, Bellingham, Bellingham Sunrise, Mount Baker, Ferndale, and Rotaract Club of Bellingham
- H** -Audrey Gravley (LaConner) – Anacortes, Fidalgo Island, LaConner, San Juan Islands, and Rotaract Skagit Valley
- I** - Stephanie Hooper (Burlington Rotary) -Burlington, Burlington Mid-Day, Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley, and Skagit
- J** - Jean Seruntine (Marysville) - Arlington, Lake Stevens, Marysville, Marysville-Sunrise, and Stanwood-Camano Island
- K** -Mary Schoenfeldt (Everett-Port Gardner) – Everett, Everett-Port Gardner, Monroe, South Everett Mukilteo, and Snohomish County Rotaract
- L** - George Henny (Whidbey Westside) - North Whidbey Island Sunrise, Oak Harbor, and Whidbey Westside
- M** -Peter Tam (Haney) – Haney, Meadow Ridge, North Fraser, and Mission Sunrise

Words cannot fully express my deep gratitude to the district's extraordinary Assistant Governors. They lead with unwavering commitment and a genuine spirit of service to both District 5050 and their clubs. They lean into the difficult questions, help navigate complex challenges, and work collaboratively to find solutions.

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They organize Presidents' meetings where area leaders gather to share ideas, build connection, support one another, and tackle the bigger issues facing their clubs. When asked to serve, Assistant Governor's step forward willingly. I have yet to hear, "Sorry, I can't." Instead, each one strives to show up, step up, and give their very best. To each of you, thank you! Your leadership matters, and it makes a profound difference.

The fall months were equally full and productive. District 5050 welcomed a new member to the Governor line, Darrell Burnham of the Rotary Club of Port Moody. Darrell has embraced the role of District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) with energy and dedication, attending as many district meetings as possible to deepen his understanding of the District Governor's responsibilities and to explore the areas where he feels most called to focus. In addition, Darrell will serve as Club President for 2026–2027, a significant commitment alongside his district preparation. Darrell, it is inspiring to see your level of engagement and the care you extend to Rotarians across our district.

On October 11, 2025, Rotary District 5050 officially joined the Inter-Country Committee (ICC) connecting USA, Canada, Guatemala, Honduras, and Belize. This formalized agreement opens the door to deeper collaboration, meaningful support, and strengthened information sharing across borders. Leading this important work is District 5050 ICC Chair Al Stjernegaard of the Rotary Club of Port Moody. Al and his dedicated committee members continue to expand our reach and build partnerships that advance the impactful projects our clubs are committed to in these regions.

In December, in partnership with the Human Trafficking Prevention Network, I had the privilege of meeting with leaders from police agencies, government, business, and other non-profit leaders to address the rising challenge of human trafficking in our region and explore how Rotary District 5050 can take meaningful action. I am grateful for the Rotarians who have stepped forward to support this initiative.

Whenever I reflect on the work being carried out globally, I think of Rotary World Help and the extraordinary impact of the devoted volunteers who tirelessly gather medical supplies, coordinate shipments, and support transformative projects around the world. I think with deep gratitude of Rotarian Dan Gallant of the Rotary Club of Port Moody, who sadly passed away on December 28, 2025, and whose legacy of service continues to inspire. I also think of Rotarians like Jerry Zdril of the Rotary Club of Chilliwack, who carry this work forward with passion, dedication, and care. To all who give their time, energy, and heart to supporting the efforts of Rotary World Help, thank you. Your service truly makes a difference in the lives of so many.

This March, I have the privilege of representing Rotary District 5050 at a UNESCO forum. I have submitted a paper for consideration in the forum's White Paper outcomes, contributing Rotary District 5050's voice and perspective to global dialogue. I encourage you to explore the forum link to learn more about Rotary's impact and its longstanding relationship with UNESCO: <https://leforumdurotary.org/en/>

Behind every successful club initiative stands a dedicated District team working diligently to provide resources, guidance, learning opportunities, and engagement pathways that strengthen clubs and amplify community impact. I extend my sincere appreciation to our Board members and committee teams for their exemplary leadership and service. Rotary District 5050 exists because of its clubs. District leaders work hard to fulfill our responsibility to provide the support, resources, and tools clubs need to thrive and become their very best.

At my side throughout this journey has been my District Governor Aide, Linda Hensman of the Rotary Club of Semiahmoo. Linda is my steady anchor. Many of you know her well, as she coordinates my official club visits, manages DG event requests, and carefully edits the District Governor's monthly newsletter and other written materials including the UNESCO paper.

Linda, I truly do not know what I would have done without you. Your attention to detail, remarkable organizational skills, and extraordinary patience have been a gift to me and to this district. Thank you for stepping into this role and walking alongside me.

I would also like to acknowledge, with deep gratitude, those who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Christi King, our District Executive Secretary, is always ready to help. She schedules meetings, organizes Zoom calls, records minutes, manages documentation, and ensures district administration runs smoothly.

Every time I reach out, Christi responds with warmth and professionalism, regardless of what may be happening in her personal world. Her positivity and commitment to Rotary shine brightly. Christi, your service to District 5050 is exemplary, and we are so grateful.

Our Treasurer, Sheryl Carman, has also given countless hours to ensure our district's finances are handled with integrity and care. Her commitment to transparency and accountability strengthens our foundation and builds trust across the district. Thank you, Sheryl, for your diligence and stewardship.

I am deeply grateful for the exceptional leaders who have come before me, Past District Governors and Past Assistant Governors, many of whom continue to serve in meaningful ways through their counsel and ongoing dedication to service. Immediate Past District Governor Dave Duskin (RC Arlington) remains a trusted advisor, generously sharing his expertise in legal matters, communication, and ClubRunner. PDG David Lukov (RC Mount Vernon) continues to serve as a thoughtful facilitator and advisor. PDG Raj Rajagopal contributes his time and wisdom to the Nominating Committee for Council on Legislation and Zone Director selection.

PDG Denis Boyd (RC Coquitlam) serves faithfully as Vice Governor, the Rotarian prepared to step forward should the need ever arise. Denis also leads the growing and impactful Networking Plus program, creating valuable connections for Rotarians and strengthening our collective value proposition. In addition, District 5050 has launched a LinkedIn presence to further expand professional networking and visibility for our members.

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PDG Linda Murray has served faithfully for many years as our Council on Legislation representative. We are tremendously grateful for her dedication and thoughtful engagement in this important work. Beginning January 1, 2026, PDG Bill Robson assumed this responsibility for the next two years. Thank you, Bill, for accepting this demanding role that requires extensive review, preparation, and discernment.

Special thanks also to our District Insurance representatives, Eric Dykstra (USA Insurance) and Andrew Crosbie (Canadian Insurance). These individuals help ensure our clubs are protected and properly covered for events and activities. Thank you both for your patience in answering countless questions and for efficiently processing certificates when needed. Your support allows our Rotary clubs to serve with confidence.

Serving as District Governor has been a humbling honour. Each day, I am inspired by the compassion, dedication, and genuine willingness to serve that I witness across our district. Because of you, membership is growing and community and global initiatives are flourishing. Because of you, communities see, through action, the meaningful impact Rotary has in their lives. Across every area of focus, Rotarians are showing up, leaning in, and making a difference.

In an effort to provide Rotarians with a more comprehensive understanding of the work the District team carries out on your behalf, please find below reports from each area of service, prepared in collaboration with our dedicated Directors:

The Rotary Foundation: under the leadership of Director Dean Rohrs, with a dedicated team including:

Christiana Flessner, RC Semiahmoo – PolioPlus

Correen Rodger Berrisford, PNW Passport Club – District Grants

Malcolm Kennedy, RC Coquitlam Sunrise – Grants & Stewardship

Winston Conyers, RC White Rock – Foundation Fundraising – Polio

Terry McGauley, RC White Rock – International Service

Brad Whittaker, RC Chilliwack – Peace

Carol Tichelman, RC Chilliwack – Endowment Fund

Rod Thomson, RC Abbotsford – Foundation Learning & Communications

Connie & Dennis Milliken, RC LaConner – Annual Fund

As of February 20, 2026 The Rotary Foundation has outperformed goals in all areas:

Global & District Grants in process or completed 2025-2026: 42

PolioPlus donor and club contributions: \$176,413

Annual Fund donations: \$291,923

Endowment Fund Donations: \$181,102

Total Giving including other disaster relief funds: \$688,901

This year, we have thoughtfully shifted our engagement approach from in-person Grants Seminars to a virtual format delivered via Zoom. This transition reflects our commitment to creating a more sustainable, accessible, and inclusive learning environment. By removing geographic and travel barriers, we are enabling greater participation across the district, increasing awareness and engagement, and reducing the need for members to travel long distances to attend.

While only the President-Elect and one additional member are required to attend a Grants Seminar for a club to qualify, opening these sessions virtually allows many more Rotarians to participate. This broader access deepens understanding of the grants process, builds confidence, encourages knowledge-sharing, ultimately inspires greater participation in grant applications, and expands our collective impact.

This year, we are offering two virtual Grants Seminars, on March 7 and March 28, providing flexibility and opportunity for all who wish to attend.

The results in Foundation giving speak volumes about the generosity of Rotarians and their understanding of the vital role The Rotary Foundation has in our district and around the world.

Through the leadership of Lee Harman and Winston in promoting PolioPlus, including the inspiring “Miss Vicky” initiative, alongside events featuring frontline workers, The Rotary Foundation updates on active and pending grants, district team club visits, and the sharing of powerful impact stories, we have strengthened awareness and engagement throughout the year. All this collective effort reinforces that The Rotary Foundation is truly at the heart of what we do in Rotary. The projects it supports are transformative, changing lives locally and globally. Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to everyone who has stepped forward to apply for grants, contribute financially, and champion this essential area of service.

It is also my distinct honour to recognize Dr. Lee Harman as the recipient of Rotary International’s highest individual honour, the **Service Above Self Award**. Selected by the Rotary International Board of Directors, this prestigious award celebrates Rotarians who exemplify extraordinary humanitarian service and selfless dedication. Lee will be formally honoured at our District Conference in Harrison Hot Springs on May 1–3, as well as at the Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan. Congratulations, Lee! Your leadership and unwavering commitment to Polio eradication inspires us all.

Membership: led by Mike Roux, Rotary Club of North Fraser, he and his team have delivered and supported tremendous membership growth. Humble appreciation goes to the membership committee:

Leanne Adderley, RC Chilliwack Mt. Cheam

Pamela Alexis, RC North Fraser

Shane Douglas, RC Chilliwack

Aird Flavelle, RC Abbotsford Matsqui

Dave Hayer, RC Surrey

Christi King, RC LaConner

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Rhonda Latreille, RC South Surrey

David Lukov, RC Mount Vernon

Director Mike reports:

- Area learning sessions completed and in progress:
 - Abbotsford / Mission / Maple Ridge Oct 8 th
 - Chilliwack / Hope – Waiting for a date and time
 - Bellingham Bay Clubs – Waiting for date and time
 - Coquitlam Clubs – March 19 th in Coquitlam
- Success seminars held on November 8 and 15, 2025 were very well attended and received with enthusiasm and engagement.
- The membership committee is working on a new Companion Club in District 5050
- Working with Patrick Legano, chair of New Club Creation for North America, on starting a Companion Club with two host clubs. This is the first time in North America this club model will be done. Target completion by the end of February – more news to come!
The team is focused on retention: Create positivity, engagement, and club vibrancy.
- Membership: As of February 20, 2025:
 - Active Members: 1975, + 71 Rotaract members, + 215 Honorary members
 - Committee goal for 2025/2026 was a 5% increase.
 - Currently sitting at a 4% gain YTD with 4 months to go.
- The committee has been focused on engagement, attraction, and new club development. Through having a positive, vibrant club environment with a focus on retention we believe that members will want to stay, and bring their friends and family to join because of the experience they are having within the club.
- The committee will be at the District Conference on May 2, 2026 with a table set up at the House of Friendship where you can ask questions, explore ideas, and build a engaged path forward for the coming year.

Please reach out to Mike and the committee if you need any support, resources, or learning sessions.

Public Image: led by Ryan Willis, Rotary Club of Everett works to deliver support for all areas of public image in the community.

Public Image Co-Director and Immediate Past District Governor Dave Duskin (Rotary Club of Arlington) continues to generously serve in this important role. Dave is the trusted expert so many of us turn to when navigating ClubRunner, whether it's understanding how it works, where to find information, or how to make the most of the platform's features. His knowledge, patience, and willingness to help are invaluable. Beyond the technical side, Dave also brings extensive experience in communications from his

years of leadership, strengthening our district's public image efforts in meaningful ways. We are deeply grateful for his continued service.

For many years, James Monroe of the Rotary Club of Lake Stevens has faithfully compiled and produced the Peace Arch Journal. Month after month, James dedicates countless hours to gathering inspiring stories from across the district and thoughtfully bringing them together to showcase the incredible work of our clubs. His commitment to highlighting impact and connection strengthens our sense of community. James, your steady dedication and commitment are sincerely appreciated.

Phoenix MacLaren of the Rotaract Club of Fraser Valley is another remarkable leader whose contributions cannot be overstated. Words truly cannot express my gratitude for her technical expertise and extraordinary ability to multitask. Phoenix not only maintains the Rotary District 5050 website but also serves as the District Conference Registrar. Balancing professional responsibilities and a young family, she still steps forward whenever asked. She finds solutions, makes things work, and quietly ensures that so much behind the scenes runs smoothly. We are grateful for her talent, dedication, and generous spirit.

Leadership Development Chair: Sean Hogan, PNW Passport club reports: The District Leadership Development Committee assists with events to provide learning opportunities to Rotary members. This includes the annual District Assembly in the spring, as well as working with Presidents-Elect to prepare for their year of club leadership. We also assist as needed with other learning events, such as Grants Seminars and Rotary Foundation programs, Rotary Learning (formerly called RLI or Rotary Leadership Institute), Visioning, and more.

Leadership Development Committee team:

Chair, Sean Hogan: PNW Passport

Amelia Cook: RC Skagit

Rod Thomson: RC Abbotsford

Brad Whittaker: RC Chilliwack

Let us know what you or your club want or need help with – such as membership, public image, the Rotary Foundation, using ClubRunner, or any other topics. We can provide programs for individual clubs, Area clubs, or for the full District. We are here to help!

PDG Sean Hogan is one of those truly special Rotarians who so generously opens both his heart and his home, fondly known as the Hogan Conference Centre, to Rotarians across the District. His home has become a welcoming gathering place for District organizational meetings, club socials, special celebrations, the Past District Governors' Council meeting, and even a safe landing spot for Rotaractors attending area events. Sean so generously shares his time, talents, and treasures, ensuring that Rotarians always have a warm and welcoming space when they need it most. **Sean, we are deeply grateful for your generosity, kindness, and unwavering care.**

Youth Services Chair: Felicity Dye, RC Bellingham reports: During the 2025–2026 Rotary year, District 5050 Youth Services strengthened compliance, expanded international programming, reinforced Youth Protection safeguards, and increased measurable service and leadership impact across Youth Exchange, New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE), Interact, YAIL, and YES. All programs operated in alignment with Rotary International standards and district governance expectations.

Felicity also graciously opened her home for Youth Exchange student orientation, welcoming everyone with the most delicious stew and freshly baked bread you could ever hope to taste, while Scott complemented the gathering with his exceptional apple cider.

Thank you both for your warmth, generosity, and heartfelt hospitality!

Excellent engagement:

- 85+ Screened and Approved Volunteer across all programs!

Youth Exchange & NGSE Impact

- 42 exchange participants supported (Long-Term, Short-Term & NGSE)
- 10+ countries actively engaged
- 2 consecutive reciprocal NGSE exchanges completed with Italy (District 2041)
- 400 Student service hours

YAIL – Youth Adventures in Leadership (Conference Model)

- **60+ student attendees**
- Participants included:
 - o Interact members
 - o Youth Exchange students
 - o Emerging high school leaders

Delivered structured leadership development programming focused on:

- Communication
- Team-building
- Ethical leadership
- Service mindset

YAIL continues to serve as a critical leadership pipeline within District 5050.

Y.E.S. – Youth Engaged in Service (Service Immersion Model)

YES continues to be a dynamic, hands-on international service initiative.

2025–2026 Highlights:

- Selected a small cohort of dedicated high school students
- Completed a two-week international service immersion in Guatemala

- Delivered structured, hands-on community service projects
- Integrated cultural immersion and leadership development components

YES represents a high-impact, service-centered extension of Rotary's youth leadership pathway.

Interact – High School Engagement

- 22 Active Interact clubs supported district-wide
- RI registration verification for active clubs
- Vetted Rotary mentors assigned to each club
- Continued structured engagement between Rotary clubs and high school leadership groups

Youth Protection & Risk Management

Youth Protection remained a central focus across all Youth Services programs.

Policy Enhancements:

- Updated district Youth Protection language to ensure alignment with current Rotary International standards and clarification for clubs as to the screening process and compliance.
- Using one centralized District wide Database for screening, training and monitoring Volunteer status.
- Clarified district-level reporting pathways.
- Promoted a “report first” culture prioritizing student safety and transparency.

District 5050 remains fully aligned with Rotary International Youth Protection Protocols.

Strategic District Impact

District 5050 Youth Services is operating with:

- Strong compliance and governance systems
- Diversified international programming (Exchange, NGSE, YES)
- High participation in leadership development (60+ YAIL attendees)
- Direct international service impact (YES immersion)
- Verified Youth Protection safeguards
- Strengthened global partnerships
- Measurable service and leadership outcomes

District 5050 continues to build a sustainable youth leadership pipeline aligned with Rotary's mission of service, peacebuilding, and global understanding.

Meet the dedicated Youth Services team leaders:

Sharon Crowson – RYLA Co-chair, RC Semiahmoo

Adam Hill – RYLA Co-chair, PNW Passport club

Jaymee Lynn – YAIL, Rotaract Club of the Fraser Valley

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Bernie Halliday – Y.E.S. Co-chair, RC Burlington

Beverly Harrington – Y.E.S. Co-chair, RC Burlington

Scott Herman – Youth Exchange, RC Bellingham

Johathan Ventura – Youth Protection Officer. RC Arlington

Each of these leaders also share the load with amazing committee and subcommittee members who step up to embrace youth services with joy and thoughtful engagement with the focus on helping our leaders of tomorrow be the very best they can be. Thank you!

Finance Chair: PDG Beverly Harrington, RC Burlington, reports: The Finance Committee meets monthly to ensure all District finances are handled in a proper manner, adhering to the stewardship and fiduciary responsibility placed on the District by its members and Rotary International.

Finance Committee:

Finance Chair PDG Beverly Harrington, RC Burlington

Finance Director Elect Sarbjeet Walia, RC Surrey-Newton

District Treasurer Sheryl Carman, RC Burlington

Foundation Grants Chair Malcolm Kennedy, RC Coquitlam Sunrise

Immediate Past DG Dave Duskin, RC Arlington

DGE Kathleen Olson, RC Arlington

DGN Shawn O'Donnell, RC South Everett/Mukilteo

DG Isabelle Martinez Hayer, RC Surrey

Responsibilities include:

- Review monthly financial reports prepared by the District Treasurer.
- Provide financial data for the District Financial Review Committee.
- Prepare the District Governor Funding Report required by Rotary International.
- Prepare the Annual Statement & Report of District Finances for the previous fiscal year.
- Review the proposed District budget and make recommendation to the Board of Directors.
- Assure the Annual Report is filed with the Washington Secretary of State.
- Assist with the filing of the IRS Form 990.
- Provide data for the Extraprovincial Non-Share Corporation Annual Report.
- Review and update District financial policies and procedures.

Beverly has served as Finance Chair with exemplary patience, diligence, and integrity. She has devoted countless hours to ensuring that Rotary District 5050 not only manages its financial affairs responsibly but also looks ahead, strengthening processes and procedures to ensure transparency, accountability, and administrative effectiveness. Working closely with District Treasurer Sheryl Carman (RC Burlington) and the Finance Committee, Beverly has invested significant time and energy to transition accounting platforms and establish a sustainable financial path forward for the district.

As of June 30, 2026, Bev will complete her final term as Finance Chair, passing the responsibility to incoming Chair Sarbjeet Walia (RC Surrey-Newton) who has been transitioning to the Finance committee team. Bev, thank you for your steady leadership, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to the financial health of our district. Your service has made a lasting difference.

Rotaract Chairs: Navjit Sangha (July 2025–February 2026), Rotaract Club of Surrey, and Carmen Mendonca (February 2026 onward), Rotaract Club of the Fraser Valley

It has been an energetic and inspiring year for Rotaract, with several meaningful initiatives underway. The Rotary year began by strengthening connection through the creation of WhatsApp groups, not only linking local club members, but also building district-wide channels that connect Rotaractors across the entire district. These platforms have fostered communication, collaboration, and a greater sense of shared community.

Rotaractors continue to demonstrate outstanding leadership both locally and globally. Within their communities, they actively support Rotary clubs and service initiatives, providing strong volunteer support for Ribfests, projects serving seniors and vulnerable youth, and many other community efforts throughout the year. Internationally, they have supported medical supply initiatives for Rotarians traveling to Cuba and Mexico, extending their compassion and commitment beyond borders.

They lead with heart, guided by compassion for others and a genuine desire to do good in the world. Rotary's future is bright with these dedicated and capable leaders stepping forward.

As of February 2026, Rotaract membership has grown to 71 active members, along with 11 honorary members — a testament to the vitality and relevance of Rotaract in our district. Another exciting initiative currently being explored is the creation of a Passport Rotaract Club, similar to the PNW Passport Club model. This innovative approach would connect Rotaractors across the district, and potentially beyond, offering flexibility, broader engagement, and expanded opportunities for collaboration. The energy, creativity, and commitment of our Rotaractors continue to inspire us all.

In conclusion, Rotary District 5050 is progressing with strength and purpose. This year, the focus has been on rebuilding meaningful connection, strengthening leadership skills, improving administrative efficiencies and accountability, fostering resilient clubs, and deepening youth engagement and leadership development. With eight months behind us, we are now leaning into a period of transition. Clubs are actively preparing 2026–2027 leadership teams, financial and organizational transitions are underway, and Presidents are beginning to look toward July 1, 2026, that special moment when the baton is passed to the next leader. Transition in Rotary is not an ending, it is a continuation of service, energy, and vision carried forward.

At the heart of all we accomplish in our communities is the support we receive from our families and partners from those who stand beside us. I deeply appreciate the support from my spouse, Rotarian Dave Hayer, my kids, grandkids, and pets in my life. They are the quiet strength behind the visible work. I encourage you to hold them close and express your gratitude for the gift of their encouragement and understanding. Their support makes our service possible, and it is deeply appreciated.

I am one of only two District Governors to have come from the Rotary Club of Surrey, and I carry that distinction with deep humility. I stand on the shoulders of my predecessor, PDG Jim Follows, who served in 1991–1992. Jim embodied Service Above Self in its truest form, setting a powerful example and creating a foundation that allowed members to genuinely understand, and live, the meaning of service in Rotary.

I enthusiastically encourage each of you to consider serving as District Governor and learning more about qualifying for the position. Reach out to me for more information! The District Governor role is one that will stretch you, inspire you, and deepen your understanding of Rotary in ways you cannot fully imagine. You will witness extraordinary acts of service, build lasting friendships, and see firsthand the remarkable impact our clubs create in their communities and around the world. District 5050 is stronger when each of us is willing to lead, serve, and help shape Rotary's future.

I am profoundly grateful to my home club, the Rotary Club of Surrey. You not only nominated and supported me in becoming District Governor, but you also surrounded me with unwavering encouragement every step of the way. You stepped up without hesitation, offered help before it was asked for, and most importantly, gave me the grace and space to fully serve the district. Even when I could not attend regular meetings, there was always a welcoming seat at the table, a visible reminder that I belong. Your generosity, flexibility, and steadfast belief in me lifted me throughout this journey. Because of you, my experience as District Governor has been not only possible, but truly extraordinary. Thank you for your trust, your support, and your enduring spirit of service.

On May 1–3, 2026, we will gather to celebrate the year at our District Conference at Harrison Hot Springs Resort in BC, Canada. The Conference theme, **“Celebrating the Impact of Rotary – Together Making a Difference,”** reflects the spirit of collaboration and shared achievement that defines our district.

District Conference Chair Robyn Curtis (RC Chilliwack), alongside an outstanding conference team of over twenty-six members, have done an exceptional job designing an event that is engaging, inclusive, and inspiring. Saturday will feature distinguished guest speakers, including former Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia Steven Point and Dr. Gwendolyn Point. While we will hear from respected leaders and experts, the conference will emphasize collaborative dialogue, creating space for honest conversations about complex issues and generating practical ideas, plans, and projects that can be implemented within our clubs and communities.

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My wonderful Rotary family, I warmly encourage you to register and join us. Come experience the power of connection, the strength of collaboration, and the meaningful impact we create when we come together.

With gratitude for your service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Isabelle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter being a large capital 'I'.

Isabelle Martinez Hayer,

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