



### Governor Lorne Begins His Club Visits!



Our new District Governor Lorne Westnedge (*Nelson Daybreak*) and his wife Dorothy began their district tour of clubs by visiting the Rotary Club of Nakusp, the Little Engine That Could!

### Rotary Friendship Exchange opportunities!

By Alexia Turner on Thursday, July 11, 2024

#### What is Friendship Exchange?

Friendship Exchange is an international exchange program for Rotary members and friends that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs.

Participants may travel as individuals, couples, families, or groups, and may be Rotary members or not.

Our District has organized two opportunities to choose from. Read what RFE Chair Alexia Turner has to say...

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## 2024 RYLA â€œ Our 47th Year - Our Best Ever!

By Debi G Dockins on Wednesday, July 10, 2024



Yes, I know, I say that every year, but it really is true! Each District 5080 RYLA has its unique and outstanding aspects that makes it wonderful in its own way. Let me share with you some of the ways 2024 RYLA was the same, yet different from the previous 46 District 5080 RYLA events.

Some history: Started in 1977 William Mitchell Banks and Dave Douglas were RYLA directors for a combined 28 years. For all of my 30 years, 19 as the current RYLA director, I worked directly with Dave, also known as Mr. RYLA. He enhanced the program with the inclusion of amazing speakers, including Marc Bowles, Joan Posivy, Tom Hierk, and Tom Ristimaki (Google them â€œ theyâ€™re very

impressive!) With a combined group of those fantastic four, along with our many stellar staff presenters, RYLA has continued to evolve as the top youth leadership program in our District!

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## Your Rotary Foundation - What is DDF and How Do We Use It?

By Doreen Fox Kelsey on Monday, July 8, 2024

DDF is the acronym for District Designated Funds. It refers to the way that your Rotary District receives its share of Rotary Foundation funds under district administration.

When donors make contributions to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund â€œ SHARE, these donations become available for our districtâ€™s use three years after the year of

the donation. After deducting five percent for operating expenses, the Rotary Foundation sends half of the funds to the District to administer in various ways, primarily in the form of District Grants and matching funds for Global Grants. The other half gets credited to the Rotary Foundation World Fund, which also provides funding for Global Grants and is administered by the Rotary Foundation.

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## Rotary Learning Center Grants Management Recertification



For those Rotarians who wish to be involved in the Global Grant Process during 2024-2025, the Grant Management Recertification Course for 2024-2025 is now available to complete through the Learning Center on MyRotary.

If you have completed the 3-hour Grant Management Overview course in the past four years, you are eligible to update your credentials by taking the 30-minute recertification course.

This qualification course only applies to Global Grant qualification. District Grant qualification training for 2025-2206 will be available in October 2024 during the Fall Assembly.

## Magic Is Happening in Zones 26 & 27



Say goodbye to high temperatures and hello to Spokane during one of the most beautiful times of the year. The Pacific Northwest has so much to see and do, and picturesque Spokane, Washington, with its winding rivers and hiking trails, is the perfect setting for this year's Zone Institute.

**Early Bird registration rates end July 15.** Don't miss out, and register today!

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Escape the **Summer Heat** at Zone Institute  
Spokane September 11-14, 2024

## CALGARY ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

By Linda Kay Bauer

If you're planning to go to the Rotary International in Calgary, ALB, Canada, June 21-25, 2025, and are finding accommodations expensive, the following is a selection of lower-cost housing alternatives in Calgary. Rotary International does not make any claims concerning the quality of these accommodations and assumes no risk or responsibility regarding these properties. [Read More](#)

## WGIPPA Assembly 2024 Registration is NOW OPEN



You are invited to attend the  
Waterton Glacier Peace Park Association's Annual Assembly  
being held this year at the  
[Glacier Park Lodge in East Glacier, MT](#)  
September 19 – 22, 2024.

Click on this [LINK](#) for more information on the 2024 Assembly.

Before you schedule your trip to this fantastic event, consider another great opportunity.

A special tour has been scheduled on 19-20 June 2025

#### TWO DAY SOUTHERN ALBERTA INDIGENOUS AND WATERTON

During this tour you will experience landscapes like nowhere else on earth. The Canadian Badlands will transport you to another time and place. From prehistoric fossil beds and rocky canyons to coal mining ghost towns and cowboy hangouts, there's plenty to discover in this unique area.

Featured stops include:

- Museum of the Highwood
- Blue Rock Provincial Park highway
- Bar U Ranch
- Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump
- Waterton Lakes National Park (overnight stay and a visit to the Peace Pavilion at Goat Haunt)

Detailed information on the itinerary and registration are available on the [Anderson Vacations webpage](#).

#### Special Guest Speaker on 2024 Global Peace Index



Michael Collins, Executive Director of the Institute for Economics and Peace USA will be the special guest of the District 5080 Passport Peacebuilder Club at its regular meeting on 18 July 2024 at 09:00 - 10:00 Pacific.

Michael will talk about the recent release of the IEP 2024 Global Peace Index and discuss the major findings of this report on the current state of peace in the world.

All members of District 5080 are cordially invited and encouraged to attend this virtual meeting. The ZOOM link for the meeting is available on the District 5080 events calendar.

Contact Bill Dunwoody ([whd@dunwoodyfamily.net](mailto:whd@dunwoodyfamily.net)) for help with the ZOOM link.



## Discover Your Piece of Peace



Peace has been a fundamental component of Rotary International since it was first established in 1905.

The fourth guiding principle of Rotary informs us that Rotary is dedicated to "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

- In 1917, the Rotary Foundation was created with the purpose of doing good in the world. The mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace.
- In 1921, the Rotary by-laws were modified to include the statement. "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world of fellowship"
- In 1940, at the Havana Convention, Rotary adopted a resolution calling for "freedom, justice, truth, sanctity of the pledged word, and respect for human rights.
- In 1942, Rotary Clubs from 21 nations organized a conference that was a precursor to the creation of UNESCO.
- In 1945, Rotary was at the forefront of finalizing the United Nations Charter at a meeting in San Francisco. Rotary provided 11 official observers for the US delegation.

The Rotary Peace Centers were established in 1999. To date, over 1,700 Peace Fellows have been trained through the program and each year an additional 130 Peace Fellows attend one of seven universities throughout the world learning about Peacebuilding. [Read More](#)

## Friends we'll miss



Tommy "Tom" Stroschein (*Moscow*) Obituary  
On Thursday, June 27, 2024, the Idaho Shepherder departed to be with the Great Shepherd of green pastures and still waters. What a capacious legacy with volumes of stories he has left for us to treasure. [Read More](#)