

## **PEOPLE OF ACTION**

## **Calling Potential Governors!**

#### By Lorne Westnedge



Are you interested in finding out about what it takes to be a District Governor?

Do you have a passion for Rotary?

Would you consider increasing your Rotary involvement?

What questions do you have for the current Governor line?

like to invite you to participate in an on-line forum on Wednesday, June 19 th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Read More

## **Verify your Numbers!**

The 2023 – 2024 Rotary year is quickly coming to an end. It's time to work with your district and club leaders to reconcile your membership numbers. Working with the RI Compare feature within your membership management platform (DACdb or Club Runner) will yield the best results. Errors can occur simply by checking the wrong box, thus holding up the membership process. What does all this mean?

- 1. New Members may not be counted by Rotary International.
- 2. They may not be receiving information from RI.
- 3. They may not be receiving the Rotary magazine..
- 4. They may not be receiving club email communications.

Help on the RI Compare is available from the District. Contact Todd Shepard (toddssbs@gmail.com). Reconciling your year-end membership numbers will certainly provide a great opportunity to enhance member engagement and provide a boost to your membership numbers!

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## **Eight Rotary Clubs Achieved EREY Status in FY 2023**

By Doreen Fox Kelsey

The following clubs achieved **EREY** status for the period ending June 30, 2023, and I've included their Annual Fund per capita giving in parentheses and also their average Rotary Foundation (TRF) giving next to that. Average TRF giving includes giving to any of the Rotary Foundation funds, such as Polio Plus, the Endowment Fund, etc. All amounts are expressed in U.S. Dollars.

Coeur d'Alene Sunrise (\$299.49) \$416.92 average TRF giving Columbia Valley Daybreak (\$132.27) \$219.87 average TRF giving Moscow (\$253.71) \$265.48 average TRF giving Ponderay Centennial (\$126.00) \$147.50 average TRF giving Post Falls (\$401.41) \$456.41 average TRF giving Pullman (\$433.62) \$1,786.34 average TRF giving Radium Hot Springs Sunrise (\$323.44) \$348.50 average TRF giving Spokane Valley Sunrise (\$181.79) \$181.79 average TRF giving

The top three clubs for Annual Fund per capita giving as of June 30, 2023, are as follows: 1. **Richland** (\$912.73)

- 2. Columbia Center Kennewick (\$616.32)
- 3. Pullman (\$433.62)

These recognitions are announced in the fall of each year for the period ending June 30. Thereâ€<sup>™</sup>s still time for your club to be recognized for Rotary Foundation giving!

## How to Earn a Rotary Foundation Recognition Banner for Your Club

By Doreen Fox Kelsey

Would your club like to have a banner (or two) presented this fall? Here's my offer - I have 11,799 Foundation Recognition Points (FRPs) from the District plus 6,927 of my own FRPs to share - I will match on a first-come, first-serve basis, any donations to the Annual Fund made between now and June 30, for anyone who has not yet achieved Major Donor status, until these points run out.

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## **Rotary Youth Leadership Award information**



**RYLA - June 29 - July 6, 2024 (Rotary Youth** Leadership Awards - *is a leadership program coordinated by Rotary Clubs around the globe. Individuals aged 18-25 attend events organized by the club's district committee. The specific format of these events may vary from district to district, but they typically consist of seminars, camps, or workshops focused on developing leadership skills.*)

Location: University of Idaho Campus, Moscow, Idaho.

*Cost:* \$700 per student, payable at time of application.

Who: Open to young adults in the age range of 18-25.

*Who can send:* Each Rotary Club can send two attendees. Additional attendees can be placed on a waiting list. (We only accept applications through the clubs)

*Transportation:* Currently, transport is scheduled by the sponsoring Rotary Club. If you are part of the "Ryla Bus Route", there is a \$75 charge to pay for the bus and gas. (Route to be established)

Must Haves: Canadians must have a passport or documents to enter the US and return to Canada.

#### How can you help/participate:

RECRUIT STUDENTS! Do you have a child or grandchild in this age range who could benefit from enhanced leadership skills?

How about someone you work with who could use a little boost in confidence and skill sets? Send them to RYLA with pay and it's a win-win for you both!

Church member? Grocery store check out clerk? Neighbor? Friend? They are ALL welcome!

#### **Process:**

Print the <u>applications</u> and <u>brochures</u> for distribution in your area of influence. Interview a candidate, select and send us their application (Stacey in Canada, Debi in the US) along with your payment of \$700 US Dollars. We'll take it from there!

Questions? Here we are! Debi at <u>debi.dockins@gmail.com</u> Stacey at <u>stacey.a.cassidy@gmail.com</u>

Looking forward to hearing from you and meeting your RYLA candidate. Thank you for your support!

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## How many students went on exchange last year?

When you think about Rotary Youth Exchange, do you ever wonder just how many students experience the program each year? Or maybe how many Rotary volunteers it takes to run the program worldwide?

This newsletter is the debut of the recently reintroduced the Rotary Youth Exchange annual report, which contains answers to these questions and more for the most recent full Rotary year, 2022-2023. In the report, you can learn more about what happened across the program all over the world. There are great pieces of information and inspiring stories that will satisfy even the most curious out there among the Rotary Youth Exchange community.



My granddaughter, Jada, was born with Acute Myeloid Leukemia in April of 2007. Dr. Judy from Sacred Heart Children's Hospital began chemo-therapy treatments when Jada was just one month old. By the time Jada was 5 months old Dr. Judy told Jada's parents that she would not survive without a bone marrow transplant. And so, the search began. They searched 7 million potential donors in the United States but there was not a viable match for Jada. They

#### **READ THE REPORT HERE.**

## A Journey of Love: Honoring a Granddaughter's Triumph over Acute Myeloid Leukemia

By Jeana Moore



stranger and saved baby Jada's life.

then extended the search to the 4 million members of registries in Europe. Out of the 11 million people searched, there was one perfect match; Torsten Huber from southern Germany. Torsten gave his cells to a Jada celebrated her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday in April of 2024. She will be a Senior in High School next year. I think each and every child is a miracle, so I call her our double miracle. Due to effects of her

treatments Jada has had to come from behind in her schooling. She has met these challenges head on. One of my favorite quotes from Jada is, "Feel the fact that you are enough.â€

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## **Promoting Peacebuilding with Youth**



### 10 Things You Can Do for Youth and Peace



- 1. Start an Early Act, Interact or Rotaract Club.
- 2. Teach youth inner peace and self-respect development skills.
- 3. Teach youth the 4 Way Test, and how it calls for respect for all.
- 4. Teach youth to care for and support others.
- 5. Teach youth conflict prevention and management skills.
- 6. Teach youth listening skills.
- 7. Help youth identify ways to make their schools and communities more peaceful.
- 8. Help youth understand how they can be advocates for peace.
- 9. Help youth develop service projects and to learn the value of service to others.
- 10. Educate youth on the need for peace.

Contact the District 5080 Peace Committee to find out how you can help spread the message of Peace among our youth through our Youth Peace Action Committee and our Peace Literacy Project.

## **Does Your Club Have a Peace Pole?**

#### By Jay Shepherd



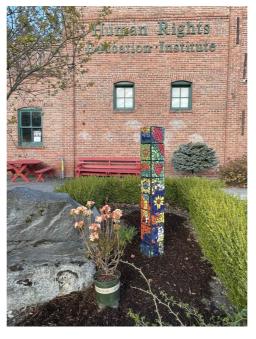
The tradition of dedicating Peace Poles and the universal message for world peace began with Mr. Masahisa Goi of Japan after World War II and the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The Universal Message for World Peace, **May Peace Prevail On Earth**, was authored in 1955. In a moment of great inspiration, Masahisa Goi awakened to the need to spread this message in the hearts of the global community for the attainment of inner and outer peace.

Masahisa Goi encouraged creative ways to carry the message to public view. In 1976, the idea of placing the Peace Message and Prayer on poles began to gain popularity. This was the first impulse which led to the beginnings of the Peace Pole Project.

The first Peace Poles outside of Japan began to appear in towns and cities around the world in the early 1980s.

Peace Poles are now recognized as the most prominent international symbol and monument to peace. They remind us to think, speak and act in the spirit of peace and harmony, and they stand as a silent visual for peace to prevail on earth. It is an all-inclusive message and prayer to bring people of all faiths, backgrounds and cultures together to understand and embrace our common bonds.



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## **Rotary International Convention in Our Backyard**

By Linda Kay Bauer



Save the date! June 21-25, 2025 Rotay

International will have a massive celebration in Calgary. If you've never been to one of these conventions, picture yourself among 20,000-30,000 Rotarians from across the globe. As you wander the halls and join new friends for learning and meals you will hear a myriad of languages and your eyes will feast on colorful attire from near and far.

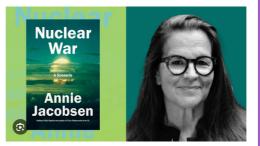
By participating in an RI Convention, you'll gain a broader appreciation of Rotary's global impact and strengthen your commitment to service. Why go, you ask, besides the sheer joy? Here are some great reasons to attend a convention: Read More

# A Conversation with Annie Jacobsen on her new book & the Back from the Brink Campaign

By Mayumi van der Pol



In her latest book, Jacobsen examines the reality of what would unfold in the seconds, minutes, and hours following the launch of a nuclear attack against the United States and the full scale nuclear war that would likely follow. In so doing, she exposes what the government and military do not want the public to understand about the current state of nuclear weapons, and the policies and procedures currently in place that we believe must be changed.



For the discussion portion of the event, Ms. Jacobsen was joined by Archbishop John C. Wester (Archdiocese of Santa Fe), Eddie Laiche (a high school senior at John Burroughs High School in Burbank, CA and co-founder of Students for Nuclear Disarmament) and Dr. Ira Helfand (BftB Steering Committee member and a leader of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons). The event was moderated by Denise Duffield (BftB Steering Committee member and Associate Director of Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles). https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYiWVi7F2TQ

# What's happening in the parks? (WGIPPA President Message)

By Maria Kliavkoff



This is a very interesting interview about what's going on this summer in their parks with both park

superintendents - Waterton Lakes and Glacier.

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## **GSV Rotary Hosting 15th Annual Gravity Cart Race**

By Heather Ivane Schelling on Wednesday, May 1, 2024

The Greater Spokane Valley Rotary members and friends will bring the 15th Annual Gravity Cart Race (aka Soap Box Derby) to Liberty Lake Pavilion Park on June 22nd.



This is specifically for kids with special needs. They will have the opportunity to race down Molter Rd - a gentle hill - in a gravity cart piloted by a vetted driver. Most kids will get to participate in at least 3 races.

This event is FREE and we host a BBQ lunch afterward in the park.

Thanks to the wonderful support of our community sponsors, we donate all net proceeds to the HOPE School and Joya Child and Family Development.

If you are interested in entering your child as a Racer or a Driver, becoming a sponsor, or volunteering your time, please visit our FB page: <u>GSV Rotary - Gravity Cart Race Event</u> or see the links below:

- <u>Racer/Driver Application (one per child)</u>
- Flyer (brief summary of the event to share)
- Brochure (contains Sponsorship options)

Thank you to our volunteers, community partners, and parents who help make this wonderful event possible! <u>Read More</u>