

*Letter to members of Seattle International District Rotary*

*As we begin the month of June, we enter the twelfth and final month of the Rotary fiscal year. It has been a fast paced and most rewarding year serving as SIR President. I wish to thank each and every one of you for your fantastic support and enthusiasm. We've accomplished a great deal! During last year's President Elect Training, District 5030 Governor Sally Gray promised, "your year as club president will be your best Rotary year.....ever!" Sally was right!*

*The work and accomplishments of SIR would not have been possible without a fantastic board of directors, talented service chairs and selfless efforts of many club members. I wanted to highlight a few key areas I'm so very proud of and that you all made possible.*

*Let's look at our Sergeant-at-Arms accomplishments: we funded Rotary First Harvest support, Hurricane Katrina relief, purchased football gear for the Cleveland High School Athletic Department, provided funding support for the Dar Fur film project, sent funds/relief to Pakistan earthquake victims as well as to victims of the Philippines mudslide. In July the US Citizen Immigration & Naturalization ceremony will swear in new citizens to the US; SIR proudly supports that event. Very soon, Bailey Gatzert's main library will be upgraded and improved!*

*This year our service committees outdid themselves! We awarded ELEVEN scholarships, launched two new international literacy projects....Bahia Street (intended to break cycles of poverty, inequality and violence affecting economically impoverished young women in Brazil) and in concert with three other clubs provided support for adult education in KwaZulu-Natal. In addition, we funded Gifts of Hope (assistance to orphans in developing countries) and launched our Liberian Aids education film. Our friends at the Klondike Gold Rush Museum found their move just a tad bit easier, thanks to SIR! Remember the ID Girl's basketball team.....they certainly remember SIR!*

*Milestones for SIR this year include updated club constitution and bylaws.....we adopted Rotary Manual of Procedure compliance by amending our presidential nomination and voting process. Our Treasurers each have their own accounting system and computer leaving clear audit trails for successors. Support to the RI Foundation exceeded district goals; and let's not forget that Rotary First Harvest is stronger than ever thanks to our increased monthly contributions! SIR is the sponsoring club for the new Downtown Waterfront Club.....and, our very own Jessie Tam was nominated and serves as District 5030 DG Nominee. This year, our sister clubs enjoyed learning more about SIR's work to repair and dig new water wells in Zimbabwe at the Whistler District Conference.*

*I could go on and on.....I think you will agree that Seattle International District Rotary Club is a real gem! It is an honor to have served and again thank you for your "Service Above Self!"*

*TERRY Pichleriah  
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