

District Digest – Dec 9

AG for Area 9B – DG Norm has announced that Karen McCarthy, Pres of the Rotary Club of Olympia Capital Centennial, has been appointed AG effective July 1, 2008.

Six Rotarians and spouses, partners, friends or single Rotarians are wanted to make up a **Rotary Friendship Exchange outbound team to District 1200, England**. The group will spend 15 days visiting and staying with Rotarians in the Somerset/Dorset region of England in the middle of September 2008 (suggested dates are September 6 to 21 but this could change slightly). The British exchange group will visit District 5020 in June 2008 probably June 2 to 17. The outbound group will be selected on a “first come first accepted” basis with two provisos. We will need at least two Island clubs (Victoria area and further north) and at least two Washington State clubs (again geographically spread) to give our visitors a real cross section of District 5020. Hopefully, clubs that have NOT been involved with the last two Rotary Friendship Exchanges will become involved.

PLEASE NOTE When you apply for the exchange you are guaranteeing that your Rotary Club will host the inbound District 1200 group. Please check with your club president and president elect before applying. The Rotary Friendship Exchange group from District 1200 will visit District 5020 in early June 2008. They will be hosted for three night stays in five Rotary Clubs on Vancouver Island clubs and Washington State.

If you are interested in being part of this RFE, please send your name, spouse/partner/friend's name, address, phone number, Rotary Club name and an email address to **Jeff Young** [jjyoung_42@yahoo.com] or phone **250 748 3263**. Before applying please ensure that the proposed dates do not conflict with you or your club's activities. The first outbound group meeting will be on Saturday April 12, 2008, most likely in Duncan, BC. Keep this date open!!
What a great opportunity for Rotarians!

Zone 22 Foundation Seminar: On Saturday, January 19, 2008 you have a unique opportunity to join Rotarians from nine districts at the Zone 22 Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar. This event will be held in Metro Vancouver (Richmond).

The Rotary Foundation is the ideal way to get involved and change lives. That is what this seminar is about, how to use the programs of The Rotary Foundation to make the world a better place. The registration fee is only \$50 and hotel rooms are available for \$99.

Please visit <http://www.RotaryEvents.ca> for registration, agenda, information on our keynote speaker and link to the hotel. The \$100 million gift from the Gates Foundation will be discussed at the seminar along with other helpful information.

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