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ROTARY CLUBS OF THE LOWER MAINLAND OF BRITISH COLUMBIA WORLD HELP NETWORK

(Operating as Rotary World Help)

2024

Annual Report

AGM AGENDA

Wednesday April 9, 2025
Rotary Field House
14600 Rotary Way
Surrey, BC

1. 5:30 – 6:30 Registration and socializing
2. 6:30 Welcome – Jerry Zdril
3. 6:40 Buffet dinner served.
4. 7:30 Call AGM to order – Jerry Zdril
5. Verification of Quorum – D'Arcy Warner
6. Motion to approve 2024 AGM Minutes
7. President's report – Jerry Zdril
8. New RWH Website overview – Dr. Sriram Ananthan
9. Elena Agala – Report on Philippines dental mission
10. Treasurer's report – Janice Froese
11. Waiver of auditors for the year – Janice Froese
12. Election of Officers and Directors – Bonnie Sutherland
13. 8:30 Introduction of guest speaker – Dan Gallant
14. Guest speaker – Dr Kathleen Ross
15. Thank you to guest speaker – Steve Frishling
16. Presentation of 2024 "Ralphies" – Jerry Zdril and Dan Gallant
17. Motion to adjourn formal AGM.

MINUTES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINIG
Rotary Clubs of the Lower Mainland of BC World Help Network
Friday, May 3, 2024, 7:00pm
Rotary Field House
14600 Rotary Way
Surrey, BC

Clubs Present:

Burnaby Dear Lake
Coquitlam
Ladner
Langley
North Delta
North Vancouver
PNW Passport
Port Moody
Richmond Sunrise
Semiahmoo White Rock
Vancouver Arbutus
Vancouver Fraserview
West Vancouver
Chilliwack
Coquitlam Sunrise
Ladysmith
Langley Central
North Vancouver Lions Gate
New Westminster
Port Coquitlam Centennial
Richmond Steveston
Sechelt
Surrey
Vancouver Cambie
Vancouver
White Rock

ISSUES/ITEMS

A. Welcome:

President Jerry Zdril called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He welcomed all the Rotarians and guests.

B. Guest Speaker:

Following dinner, Bonnie Sutherland introduced the guest speaker, Elena Agala.

The subject of Elena's presentation was to outline the amazing impact of the 125 container shipments that Rotary World Help has shipped to the Philippines over the last several years. As an example of the wonderful impact these containers have had to the people of the Philippines, Elena told us about a recent container that was sent to Laoang, and Northern and Eastern Samar. This container contained much needed learning resources, such as books and computers, and had a significant impact on the educational opportunities for the students. This container also contained much needed medical equipment and supplies for the community.

Following her speech, Elena was presented with a Ralphie by Jerry Zdril.

C AGM Called to Order:

President Jerry Zdril called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

D. Quorum:

D'Arcy Warner reported that there was a quorum present and that the AGM for *Rotary Clubs of the Lower Mainland of BC World Help Network* could be conducted.

- The number of attendees: 51
- Number of clubs in attendance: 26

E. Minutes of 2023 AGM for the Year Ending December 31, 2023:

Dan Gallant moved, and Sheila Tyner seconded that the minutes of the May 5, 2023 AGM be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

F. President's Report – Jerry Zdril:

President Jerry Zdril presented his report on activities of the Society for the year ending December 31, 2023. A copy of his report had previously been circulated in the Annual Report.

Bonnie Sutherland moved, and Jim McGrandles seconded to accept the Presidents Report. Motion was Approved.

Jerry mentioned that our society now has 44 member clubs and confirmed that the membership of two additional clubs is pending. Jerry recognized the wonderful work of all our volunteers and our directors.

G Financial Statements:

Janica Froese as Treasure presented the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2023. These statements were previously circulated to members. She mentioned that we did end the year with a reasonable profit.

Moved by Jim McGrandles and seconded by Bonnie Sutherland that the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2023 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

H. Auditors to be Waived:

Moved Janice Froese and second by Dan Gallant.

I. Nomination Committee – Dan Gallant:

The following people have been nominated for election to the Board of the Society:

Director..... Dale Shea
Director..... Jim McGrandles
Director.....Elena Agala
Director.....Kathleen Ross
Director.....D'Arcy Warner
Director..... Nathan Hesketh
Director.....Mekdes Gete
Director..... Steve Frishling
Director..... Ian Johnston
Director.....Jerry Zdril
Director.....Bonnie Sutherland
Director..... Janice Froese
Director.....Joan Apel
Director..... Dan Gallant
Director.....Wayne Crossen
Director..... Brad Whittaker

Dan invited other nominations from the floor (three times).

Hearing none, Charley Molnar moved and Rick Fisher seconded that the above people be elected to hold office in the society until their successors are appointed or elected. Motion carried.

J. Presentation of Ralphie to Wayne Crossen and Ron Allegretto:

Following the election of Directors, Wayne Crossen and Ron Allegretto were presented with a Ralphie by President Jerry Zdril.

K. Adjournment of AGM:

Since there was no other business to come before this AGM, the meeting was adjourned. Moved by Nathan Hesketh and seconded by Sheila Tyner. Carried.

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Volunteerism is the foundation on which Rotary World Help was formed in 1997. Thanks to our member clubs, RWH directors and volunteers for continuing that tradition and making 2024 a success. Your combined efforts have provided the financial and human resources needed for RWH to fulfill our mission,

To Help Communities Help Themselves.

RWH in 2024 has loaded and shipped thirteen containers to:

Ukraine six times, Ghana two times, Guatemala two times, Belize once, Tanzania once, Cuba once

RWH has relationships with Ukrainian Canadian Social Services, Disaster Aid Canada, Maple Hope Foundation, Health for Humanity Services Society, Access to Education, Gleaners who have donated supplies, sponsored and helped to load containers.

We have been active in presenting the RWH story to our member Rotary Clubs as well as at the District Assembly. A newsletter has been created and sent out to our Rotary Club members and will be again sent on a quarterly basis.

A committee was formed to work towards developing a new RWH website. A request for quotes was sent to four web developers and a successful candidate was chosen. The website has been completed and will be presented at this AGM. Thanks to Jim McGrandles, Ian Johnson, D'Arcy Warner, Steve Frishling for working with me on this project.

Global TV "This is BC" filmed a segment of their program in April that resulted in several donations from organizations and individuals that viewed the program.

Global TV

A Rotary Video was donated by Honey Mustard a company formed by two Rotaractors in Langley. The video was shared with our Member Clubs.

RWH Video

Who Are We

Rotary World Help (RWH) is a non-profit, registered charitable organization that coordinates the shipment of educational, humanitarian, and medical supplies to countries in need. Established in 1997 by seven Rotary clubs, RWH is operated by a Board of directors made up of Rotarians from various member clubs in British Columbia.

Our mission is to help communities help themselves. We accomplish this through a coordinated effort to relocate used equipment and supplies. What is surplus in our country is desperately needed to serve the healing and educational needs of developing countries. Our effort is made possible through generous donations of materials, money, time, and transportation.

There is a wealth of equipment and supplies no longer in use in British Columbia. These materials can be of significant use to foreign countries in need of medical and educational supplies.

Rotary volunteers throughout British Columbia gather, sort, repair, pack, inventory, and prepare the donated equipment and supplies for shipping. Acting as one central clearing- house makes the collection of usable materials donor-friendly. We act as a worldwide recycling depot.

We gather the goods for our shipments from hospitals, health care and educational facilities, and various community–minded organizations.

Our truck purchased with a donation from Aunt Peggy

Why We Do What We Do

Hospitals are built but cannot open because they lack beds, supplies, and medical equipment.

We accept medical supplies and equipment ranging from bandages and thermometers to operating tables and wheelchairs. Our shipments have made it possible for many hospitals around the world to serve the people of their community more effectively.

Many countries have schools but no school supplies. Classrooms are run without paper to write on and books to learn from. We accept school texts, writing paper, pens and pencils, educational supplies, and equipment.

RWH has shipped hundreds of computers to Africa, Belize and Guatemala to rural students providing them with access to education materials that they would not otherwise have.

Containers shipped in 2024: 13

Container	Project #:	Country	City	Sponsor	Date Loaded
457	24-01	Ukraine	Warsaw	Canadian Ukrainian Social Services	January 6, 2024
458	23-04	Ghana	Temu	African Canadian Nursecare Foundation of BC, Surrey Rotary	January 27, 2024
459	24-06	Ukraine	Warsaw	Canadian Ukrainian Social Services	February 24, 2024
460	24-02	Tanzania	Dar es Salaam	White Rock Rotary Club	March 16, 2024
461	24-03	Belize	Belize City	Port Moody/Matsqui Abbotsford	April 13, 2024
462	24-04	Cuba	Havana	Langley, Langley Central, Semiahmoo, South Surrey	May 4, 2024
463	24-05	Guatemala	Puerto Quetzal	Health for Humanity and Vancouver Rotary Club	June 1, 2024
464	24-08	Ukraine	Warsaw	Canadian Ukrainian Social Services	June 15, 2024
465	24-09	Ukraine	Warsaw	Gleaners (Vernon) Canadian Ukrainian Social Services	July 9, 2024
466	24-07	Guatemala	Puerto Quetzal	Ladysmith Rotary and Access to Education Collaborative	September 14, 2024
467	24-11	Ukraine	Warsaw	Canadian Ukrainian Social Services	October 5, 2024
468	24-14	Ukraine	Warsaw	Canadian Ukrainian Social Services	November 2, 2024
469	24-10	Ghana	Temu	Beulah Klomegah, Bonnie Sutherland, North Delta Rotary Club	December 11, 2024

Containers shipped since inception: **469**
Estimated values of goods shipped: **$158 Million** Number of countries shipped to: **61**
Estimated number of people helped: **14 Million**

Countries That We Have Sent Containers To:

Albania	Costa Rica	Grenada	Nicaragua (3)	Tanzania (6)
Antigua	Cuba (5)	Guatemala (7)	Panama (16)	Thailand (3)
Argentina (4)	Dominican Republic (4)	Guyana	Paraguay (1)	Tonga
Armenia	East Timor	Haiti (4)	Peru (2)	Trinidad and Tobago
Barbados	Ecuador (3)	Honduras (17)	Philippines (125)	Uganda (22)
Belize (6)	El Salvador (12)	Indonesia	Poland	Ukraine (24)
Bolivia (7)	Estonia (7)	Kenya (28)	Romania (3)	United States (2)
Brazil (2)	Ethiopia (5)	Lesotho	Samoa	Uruguay (15)
Cambodia (2)	Fiji	Liberia (2)	Serbia	Venezuela
Chile (21)	Georgia	Malaysia	Sierra Leone	Vietnam (4)
Colombia (2)	Ghana (5)	Nepal (4)	South Africa (20)	Zambia
Congo (7)	Greece (2)	New Guinea	Tajikistan	Zimbabwe (12)
Cook Islands (4)				

TREASURER'S REPORT

ROTARY CLUBS OF THE LOWER MAINLAND OF BC WORLD HELP NETWORK
Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2024

ROTARY CLUBS OF THE LOWER MAINLAND OF BC WORLD HELP NETWORK
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	$ **137,534**	$ 137,601
Term Deposits and Accrued Interest	**212,075**	203,600
Accounts Receivable	**220**	4,991
Goods & Services Tax Recoverble	**2,205**	1,578
	352,034	347,770
Vehicle (at cost)	**8,000**	8,000
	$ **360,034**	$ 355,770
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	$ **0**	$ 4,768
Deferred Revenue	**6,275**	650
	6,275	5,418
NET ASSETS	**353,759**	350,352
	$ **360,034**	$ 355,770

ROTARY CLUBS OF THE LOWER MAINLAND OF BC WORLD HELP NETWORK
Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets
For the Year ended December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
REVENUES		
Donations - Receipted	$ **14,700**	$ 24,600
Donations - Other Charities	**3,227**	24,387
Donations - In Kind	**39,022**	48,483
Interest earned	**8,515**	3,671
Membership Dues	**12,840**	12,421
Shipping costs recovered	**142,100**	111,513
	220,404	225,074
EXPENSES		
AGM expense, net	**296**	1,471
Bad debt expense	**-**	7,000
Bank Charges	**-**	3
Computer and IT Support	**2,719**	1,562
Directors expense	**-**	712
Exchange Loss	**-**	1,420
In-Kind Donations Used	**39,022**	48,483
Insurance	**2,101**	2,034
Office, Postage, Consulate & Courier	**1,319**	2,246
Pickup donation costs	**482**	482
Promotion	**-**	133
Shipping Costs	**139,385**	131,043
Shipping Costs - Extraordinary	**7,448**	-
Truck - Gas, R&M, Insurance	**18,181**	12,884
Volunteer Appreciation	**1,239**	1,220
Warehouse Rent and Supplies	**4,803**	12,728
	216,997	223,422
SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	**3,407**	1,652
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	**350,352**	348,700
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	$ **353,759**	$ 350,352

Rotary World Help
Project Income and Expense for the 2024 Year
(in Canadian dollars)

Project #		Load date	Paid By	Funds Collected	Donations Designated	Total Revenue	Shipping Expense	RWH Fee	Gain (Loss)
24-01	Ukraine	Jan. 6, 2024	Cdn Ukrainian Social Serv	8,945.00		8,945.00	6,928.29	1,500.00	516.71
23-04	Ghana	Jan. 27, 2024	African CDN Nursecare Fdn	12,225.00		12,225.00	11,355.16	1,500.00	-630.16
24-06	Ukraine	Feb. 24, 2024	Cdn Ukrainian Social Serv	8,445.00		8,445.00	6,968.84	1,500.00	-23.84
24-02	Tanzania	March 16, 2024	Rotary Club of White Rock	9,590.00		9,590.00	7,897.80	1,500.00	192.20
24-03	Belize	April 13, 2024	PortMoody/Abbotsford	6,950.00	8,050.00	15,000.00	13,772.50	1,500.00	-272.50
24-04	Cuba	May 4, 2024	Various	27,850.00	1,000.00	28,850.00	31,167.50	1,500.00	-3,817.50
24-05	Guatemala	June 1, 2024	H for H & RC of Vancouver	10,455.00		10,455.00	8,920.75	1,500.00	34.25
24-08	Ukraine	June 17, 2024	Cdn Ukrainian Social Serv	9,000.00		9,000.00	7,246.28	1,500.00	253.72
24-09	Ukraine	July 9, 2024	Cdn Ukrainian Social Serv/Vernon	8,900.00		8,900.00	9,207.27		-307.27
24-07	Guatemala	Sept. 20. 2024	Ladysmith & Duncan	9,780.00	1,000.00	10,780.00	9,556.25	1,500.00	-276.25
24-11	Ukraine	Oct. 5. 2024	Cdn Ukrainian Social Serv	9,000.00		9,000.00	7,275.41	1,500.00	224.59
24-14	Ukraine	Nov. 2, 2024	Cdn Ukrainian Social Serv	9,010.00		9,010.00	7,819.26	1,500.00	-309.26
24-10	Ghana	Dec 14, 2024	North Delta Rotary	11,950.00		11,950.00	11,270.00	1,500.00	-820.00
				142,100.00	10,050.00	152,150.00	139,385.31	18,000.00	-5,235.31

Member Clubs

By joining Rotary World Help, Rotary Clubs play a part in every shipment sent by Rotary World Help and are involved in an organization that connects Rotary Clubs around the world. Clubs belong to Rotary World Help by paying annual membership dues of $10 per club member. Membership fees offset administrative, procurement, and some of the shipping costs. Being a member helps a club meet District objectives for International Service and work parties such as pick-ups, sorting and loading shipments are considered a meeting make- up. Throughout the year, hundreds of British Columbian Rotarians and often their spouses and families work together to help Rotarians in other parts of the world help people in their communities.

Through Rotary World Help, a member club can sponsor the shipment of a 40-foot container to a partnering Rotary Club in another country. Rotary Clubs can sponsor a shipment on their own or partner with one or more local clubs and split the cost of the shipment.

Founding Member Clubs

Coquitlam	New Westminster
North Vancouver – Lions Gate	Richmond – Sunrise
Vancouver	Vancouver – Chinatown
West Vancouver	

Current Member Clubs - 44

Aldergrove	Port Moody
Burnaby	Powell River
Burnaby - Deer Lake	Richmond
Chilliwack	Richmond Steveston
Coquitlam	Richmond Sunrise
Coquitlam Sunrise	Sechelt
Cumberland Centennial	Semiahmoo - White Rock
Kelowna Capri	South Surrey
Ladner	Strathcona Sunrise
Ladysmith	Sunshine Coast
Langley	Surrey
Langley Central	Terrace
Langley Sunrise	Tsawwassen
New Westminster	Vancouver
New Westminster Royal City	Vancouver Arbutus
North Delta	Vancouver Cambie
North Vancouver	Vancouver Fraserview
North Van Lions Gate	Vancouver Sunrise
Pacific Northwest Passport	West Vancouver Sunrise
Pemberton	Whistler
P G Nechako	Whistler Millennium
Port Coquitlam Centennial	White Rock

As you know, we get telephone calls and emails from local hospitals, clinics, seniors' homes, and individuals who have equipment they wish to donate.

We could not do all we do without the wonderful support of Dan Gallant and all his great helpers with the truck (Ron, Dale, Wayne).

All the volunteers who do the weekly inspection, sorting, and packing: Lorraine, Claire, Marlene, Pat, Dale

Then there are all the volunteers who faithfully show up rain, sun, or snow to load our containers. We are also so lucky to have you all.

To our Board of Directors and Officers, who work so hard. Please stand and be recognized.

All our club members
All our volunteers
Our directors
Our Officers
Our Spouses

We could not do it without all of you!

Jerry Zdril
President and Shipping Manager
Rotary World Help
2024