

ROTARY CLUB

MEADOW-RIDGE



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
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**Greeting from the
Meadow Ridge
Rotary Club**

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Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge, District 5050, British Columbia, Canada

- **Some facts about our Club:**
- Chartered 1990
- Members: total 32 – 17 male + 15 female
- Located: Maple Ridge, British Columbia
- President: Mark Forster
- Meeting: Tuesday noon – 1pm
- Our district has 57 clubs,
31 Canadian and 26 American



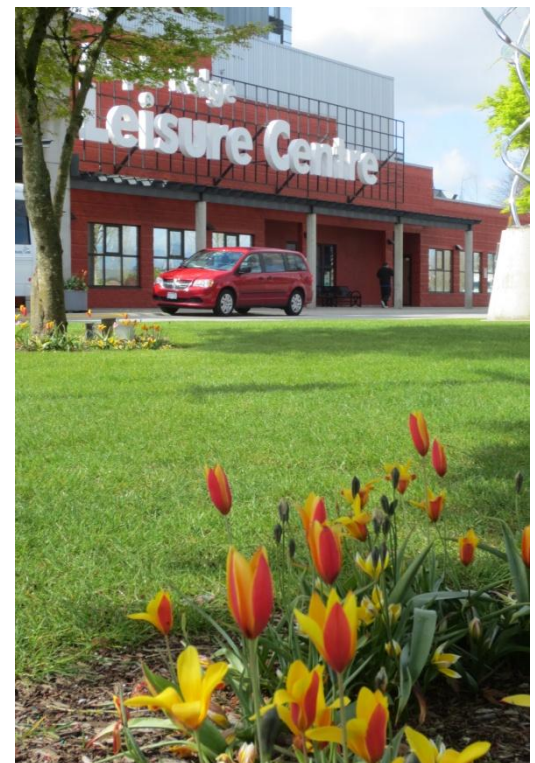
Where is Maple Ridge?

- Less than 50 km East of Vancouver.....
home of the 1986 World Fair,
2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games



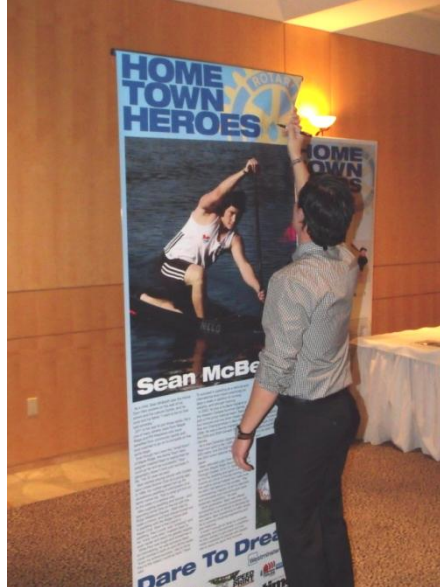
Maple Ridge.....

- Maple Ridge is a “city in the country”
- Approx. 75,000 residents
- Beautiful “rural” setting along the Fraser River, Golden Ears Park with its stunning mountains in our back yard, Pitt Lake just a stone throw away.
- Property still available at a relatively “affordable” price; consequently, many residents commute to Vancouver for their work
- A very mild sea climate, with a fair amount of rain



Projects

- **Sports' Banquet:**
A ticketed dinner event, where we honoured local sports' heroes, raising funds for local sports facilities. Raised approx \$600,000 over 20yrs
- **Some examples:** Sports field for kids, Lacrosse box, BMX bicycle race track, outdoor horse arena for therapeutic riders, all year sports' fields(artificial turf) for a couple of high schools..... and many more



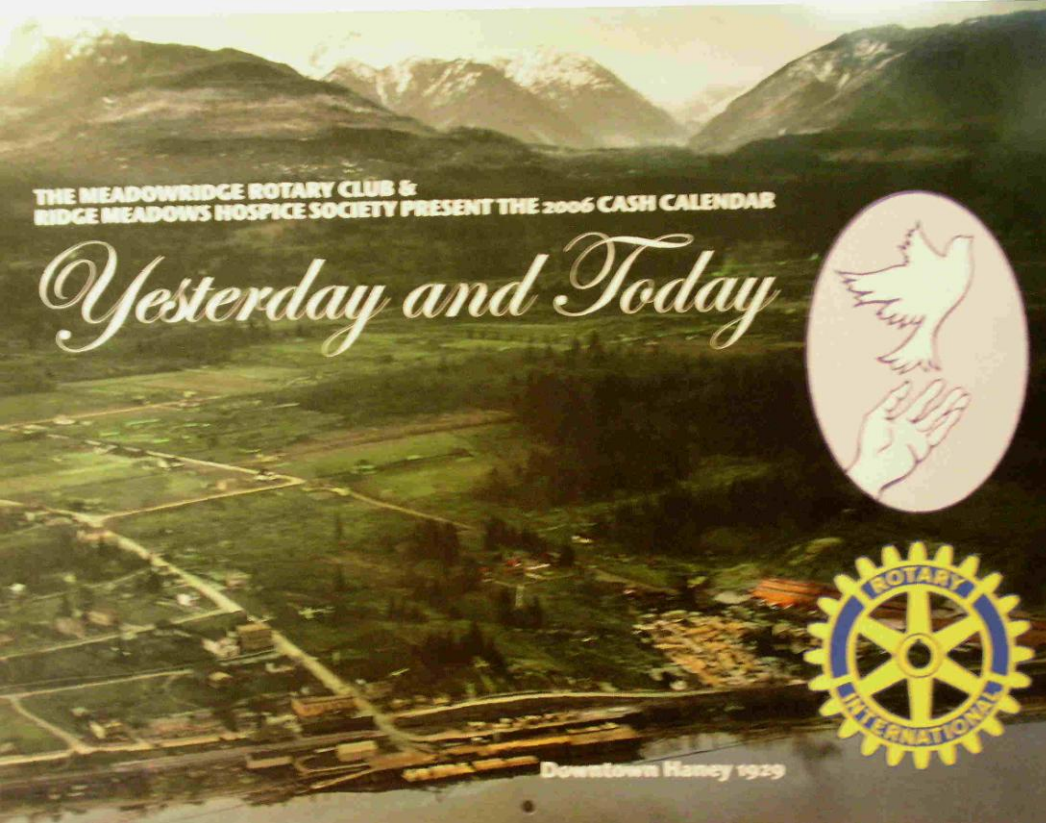
Wine Festival

- Ticketed event where we pair superb wines with local restaurant specialties. Attendees tasting the local wine and food + bidding at the “Silent Auction”, with all proceeds going to local “Arts and Culture”
 - Some examples: building our local theatre, display walls for the arts club, free performances for our students, musical instruments for elementary schools and much more
- We raised well over \$200,000 over 18 years



“Cash Calendar”

- We put together a “yesterday and today” calendar, with old pictures and present pictures of same local scenes. Selling the calendars, with the incentive of weekly, monthly and “grand prize” cash prizes
- We raised \$100,000 to assist building a Hospice facility, attached to our local Hospital



Rotary Duck Race

- Annually we aim to sell 10,000 ducks @ \$10 each. Tickets are sold by local youth organizations, which in turn receive 100% of their sales. On duck race day, ducks drift down our river. First duck through the finish wins a car(donated)!
- ALL proceeds to local youth; approx \$400,000 has been raised over the last 5 years



Shelter Box

- On few occasions we've put together a "Shelterbox Village" in our downtown park. Rotarians, students, scouts, etc stayed overnight in approx. 12 tents, as we raised awareness and funding for Rotary and Shelterbox
- We raised \$53,000 in one weekend; enough to purchase 53 shelterboxes to assist victims of the tsunami in Haiti



Hands-on International Project

- January 2014 we partnered with 3 other Rotary Clubs and traveled with a group of Rotarians to Nicaragua, a 2 week trip
We built 3 kitchens attached to elementary schools, providing school kids with clean water and one hot meal per day, if attending school.
- Each club raised \$2500, matched by the district and again matched by RI(global grant); total project \$40,000
We raised the funding through a garage sale, book sale, Christmas tree sale and a Christmas plant sale





Orphanage Project in Novosibirsk

- David initiated this project in 2000; our club provided funding(\$20,000, including matching grants) to add a solarium to the orphanage(Infants' House for Abandoned Children and Orphans in Novo), specifically for development and treatment of non-walking disabled children.



Truck Project Ussurisk

- Again an initiative from our hard working fellow Rotary member Dave; MeadowRidge Club provided funding(\$6,800) in 2004, to purchase a much needed dump truck to a boys school in Ussurisk.

It opened the opportunity of transportation of all kinds of goods.....

including bringing the schools' harvest of potatoes to market



.....and a computer project in Ussurisk

- 2007 saw another “matching grant project” with the Boys Boarding School in Ussurisk. Providing computers, electronic white boards and other equipment for training of personal, academic and career skills



Thank You for your attention!

- Any questions?
- Feel free to connect with our club:
www.MeadowRidgeRotary.ca
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- OR.....Come visit us in Maple Ridge, BC, Canada, we would be happy to host and show you around!