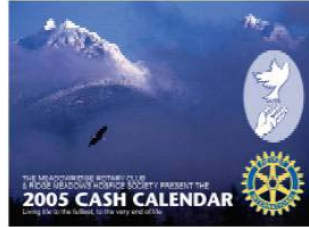


HOSPICE CASH CALENDAR

Following are the Hospice Cash Calendar April winners:



April	1	\$20	Lynda Watts	Surrey, BC
	2	\$20	Tom Meier	Maple Ridge
	3	\$20	Brad Shevelyov	Maple Ridge
	4	\$20	Margaret Eykelbosh	Maple Ridge
	5	\$20	Mary & Kevin Pauls	Maple Ridge
	6	\$20	Jennifer McKenzie	Maple Ridge
	7	\$20	Gloria & Lyall Fraser	Maple Ridge
	8	\$20	Bruce & Penney Mowitt	Surrey, BC
	9	\$20	Adele Kostiuk	Maple Ridge
	10	\$20	Diane Champion	Coquitlam
	11	\$20	Estelle Lind	Maple Ridge
	12	\$20	Esther Thompson	Maple Ridge
	13	\$20	P Miffen	Qualicum Beach
	14	\$20	Denise Ervin	Maple Ridge
	15	\$20	Sarj & John Dhaliwal	South Surrey
	16	\$20	Jag & Paul Jhooty	Burnaby
	17	\$20	Jennifer Challenger	Pitt Meadows
	18	\$20	Janice Vevers	Surrey, BC
	19	\$20	B Topham	Richmond, BC
	20	\$20	Lola Chapman	Maple Ridge
	21	\$20	Andrew Ilaender	Coquitlam
	22	\$20	Elena Hagedorn	Maple Ridge
	23	\$20	Adrienne Hansen	Maple Ridge
	24	\$20	Samantha Fox	Vancouver
	25	\$20	Shauna Garland	Mission
	26	\$20	North Fraser Therapeutic Riding	Maple Ridge
	27	\$20	Silvia Rutledge	Mission
	28	\$20	Pam Batt	Langley
	29	\$20	Migan Klassen	Stettler, AB
	30	\$250	Sharon Wynd	Coquitlam



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INVOCATION

April 5	Brian Fox	April 12	Murray Davelaar
April 19	Doris Gagel	April 26	Maureen Goodrick



BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
April 21	Ron LePore	Brian Bekar
May 19	Debi Pearce	Robert Campbell



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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Randy Hawes - MLA

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Installation of Vivian Hatiras

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
April 9	8:00am	District Assembly	Kwantlen University College, Surrey
April 12		Youth Diversion Dinner	The Gourmet Hideaway Restaurant
May 10	12:30pm	Golf Tournament	Swan-e-Set Golf Club
May 12		District5050 Centennial Conference	Victoria, BC
May 28		WineZest 2005	ACT, Maple Ridge
May 30		Italian Serata - Hospital ER	La Trattoria
June 18-22		RI Centennial Convention	Chicago

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 6: Robert and Maureen Goodrick

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$1134+ 1/2 of today's sales, 15 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Walter introduced our guests – Fred Reynolds, our Assistant District Governor, Doris' grand-daughter Lisa, and Leo Krekeler's father Achim and brother Moritz.

Marco introduced Matt DeBruyn, who was being inducted at today's meeting. Matt is from Schiedam, The Netherlands. He is semi-retired with a small family business, re-selling computer software for hotels. Matt is actively involved with volunteer work helping the Salvation Army, Whonnock United Church, Block Watch, and is a member of Citizens on Patrol. He is married to Lynda and has two daughters, Alisha and Michelle. Fred Reynolds performed Matt's installation ceremony.



Our guest speaker was Leo's dad Achim. He thanked the club for hosting his daughter. He told us about his hometown Brandenburg, which is 65 km west of Berlin in the eastern part of Germany. It is a former Socialist area. The town is 900 years old, and the buildings, which are made of stone and brick, are 500 years old.

Achim is an architect specializing in renovation and restoration work. He said that there were no renovations since the 2nd world war. Pre-fab buildings were put up in front of the town and the old buildings were left in ruin. They have now started trying to re-build and improve the old town.

The town used to house industry – auto, steel and other factories. After the war a third were demolished and industry began to die. The Socialist government could not improve the situation and there was high unemployment. He said that the economy is improving but industry is not coming back. They have changed to a tourist and education centre. The population has dropped from 100,000 to 75,000 in the past 15 years. They thought that the bad economic situation would improve after unification but it will probably take a generation to improve.

His Rotary Club was established in 1981 and has 49 members. Half the club is local and half is from the west. They are an active club with many fundraising projects including raising 50,000 rubles for the tsunami relief effort.

ADG Fred Reynolds ended the meeting telling us about the guest speakers that will be in Victoria for the Centennial Celebration – they include Past RI President Richard King, and Jean Irwin, teacher of the deaf. He encouraged our members to register for the event.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

RI PRESIDENT EXPRESSES SORROW UPON POPE'S DEATH

Rotary International President Glenn Estess Sr. has expressed heartfelt sorrow on behalf of the Rotary world upon the death of Pope John Paul II.

"We are saddened by the news of the pope's passing. He was a man of peace and a friend of Rotary," says Estess. "In words and deeds, the pope shared many of the ideals of human brotherhood and sisterhood and selfless service that inspired Paul Harris and his friends to found Rotary 100 years ago."

In 1982, John Paul II was selected as a recipient of the Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace. Stanley McCaffrey, 1981-82 RI president, personally delivered news of the award to the pope in Rome. When presenting the award to Bishop Thomas Tschoepe, the pope's special representative at the 1982 RI Convention in Dallas, Texas, USA, McCaffrey explained: "I told the holy father that of all the people in the world, he had been selected because of his untiring, unceasing work for peace; he responded by saying, 'I shall keep working, I shall keep working.' I felt those are words for us to live by, as we work together to achieve world understanding and peace."

Several RI presidents and senior Rotary leaders visited with Pope John Paul II during the quarter-century he served as head of the Roman Catholic Church. Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carlo Ravizza, who had an audience with the pontiff four times — twice as RI president and also in the company of RI presidents Carlos Canseco and Herbert G. Brown — recalls that "each meeting with him was a unique opportunity." "When you shook hands with the pope, you felt that he was communicating with you directly on a personal basis," says Ravizza. "He was more than just a leader of the Catholic Church. He was a man who loved everyone regardless of race, religion, or color."

In 2000, John Paul became the first pope in history to address an audience of Rotarians when he spoke before 18,000 Rotarians and their families and friends in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. "He quoted Paul Harris," recalls Ravizza. "That was a surprise and a very moving occasion. Earlier on, a cardinal spoke about Rotary's activities around the world."

Aldo Ferretti, a past governor of District 2080 (Italy) who for the past 12 years has served as a de facto liaison between visiting Rotarians and the Vatican, also fondly remembers the many times that the pontiff granted an audience with RI leaders.

"He had a wonderful relationship with us," says Ferretti. "When he met with us ... during the 2000 Jubilee celebrations, I said thanks to the pope. But the pope said, 'I've to thank you because you've brought for me 18,000 sons and daughters.'"

Rotarians in Rome are in mourning, according to Ferretti. "We're in a very bad situation right now," he says. "We have suspended all Rotary club meetings and [other Rotary-related] activities this week. We are making arrangements to pay our last respects to the pope and for some of us to be present at the funeral, if the tight security provisions permit."

The pope was spiritual leader to the world's one billion Catholics and temporal head of the tiny state of Vatican City for the last 26 years.