

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OF YOU.**



The Four Way Flasher

**Rotary Club of
MeadowRidge Newsletter**

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RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow Rotarians,

It was Past RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe who emphasized the importance of the family of Rotary by creating the Family of Rotary Task Force, continued the following year by 2004-05 RI President Glenn E. Estess Sr. These two gentlemen also urged clubs and districts to start family of Rotary committees. This year, I have discontinued the task force because I feel it has achieved its mission – clubs and districts all over the world have created family of Rotary committees. For those that have not, it is never too late.

It may be worth giving some thought to the question: Just what is the family of Rotary? Of course, each Rotarian has a personal family. Some of these families are very heavily involved in Rotary service, while others are not. This may be for cultural or local reasons. The decision to support Rotary is really up to the individuals and is not something that Rotary International can force upon anybody.

But the family of Rotary can be more than a single family unit. It can represent many aspects of the organization. The RI Board is part of the family of Rotary International. So is each district as well as each club. Each Group Study Exchange team is part of the family of Rotary. So are our Rotaractors and Interactors and our Youth Exchange students studying abroad. Our RI training leaders and all our committees and resource groups form various parts of the family of Rotary. Finally, The Rotary Foundation is a large and important part of our family of Rotary.

It is important that we care about the family of Rotary. It helps us in our work and it creates fellowship and friendship – two of the cornerstones on which Rotary International has been built.

Even though the Family of Rotary Task Force no longer exists, its spirit is very much alive and sound. I urge all those districts and clubs that have not created a family of Rotary committee to start one during the month of December, which is Family Month. By doing so, we honor our commitment to *Service Above Self* and continue to show the world the great leadership of Rotary International.

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
President, Rotary International

INVOCATION

Dec. 13	Laurie Anderson	Jan. 10	Janice Armstrong
Jan. 17	Liz Attarmigirian	Jan. 24	Brian Bekar

BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15-8:15	8:00-10:00
Dec. 29	Mina Park	Liz Attarmigirian
Jan. 26	Peter Boekhorst	Vivian Hatiras

Call Peter at 604-465-3392 for assistance or peter.boekhorst@telus.net



SERVICE Above Self

No regular meeting on Dec. 20, Christmas Party at the Robson's

No regular meeting on Dec. 27

**No regular meeting on Jan. 3, instead at noon a visit to the
Mission Mid-day Rotary Club**

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Eric Wright – Outbound Student 2004/05 to France

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Christmas Party at the Robson's

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 20		Christmas Party	Robson's,
Dec. 27		Regular Meeting Cancelled!	
Jan. 3	noon	Visit to Mission Mid-day Rotary	Bellevue Hotel, 32998 1st Ave, Mission
Jan. 7	8am-2pm	Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar	Sunrise Banquet Centre 5640-188 St., Surrey

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$663+ 1/2 of today's sales, 30 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEKS MEETING

Reminder to everyone – NO MEETING NEXT WEEK – We will instead be celebrating our fellowship and the season the Gord and Mary Robsons starting at 7PM. Their address is 25433 – 117th Avenue and I know it will be a wonderful evening as they have been in the past.

Also, news from our International committee. The funds for the Bookmobile in Guatemala have finally been matched through Rotary International and the funds are in the hands of the local Rotary Club and the project is moving forward. Dave will get more information on the progress and update the club in the near future.

The Financial Statements were presented by Ken Paterson. The club is in a very good financial position and this year has donated over \$120,000 to various Community projects. If you were not in attendance and would like to see a copy of the financials, please speak to Ken Paterson or Lindsay Hendy.

A motion was put on the floor by Gord Robson, seconded by Ineke Boekhorst and carried by majority to accept the Financial Statements as presented with a minor spelling correction.

It was also suggested that our contributions to the community should be publicized in the local paper.

Our election was held and following was the slate:

President:	Sharon Kyle	
Past President:	Brian Bekar	
President Elect:	Bob Shantz	
Vice President:	Anil Bharwani,	Brian Fox
Secretary:	Maureen Goodrick,	Lynda Lawrence
Treasurer:	Walter Volpatti	(assisted by Ken Paterson)\
Club Flasher :	Peter Boekhorst	
Club Service:	Vivian Hatiras	
Vocational Service:	Doris Gagel,	Matt DeBruyn
Community Service:	Mike Davies,	Stan Wade
International Service:	Dave Rempel	

Your 2006 Executive members are as follows:

President:	Sharon Kyle	Club Service:	Vivian Hatiras
Past President:	Brian Bekar	Vocational Service:	Matt DeBruyn
President Elect:	Bob Shantz	Community Service:	Mike Davies
Vice President:	Anil Bharwani	International Service:	Dave Rempel
Secretary:	Maureen Goodrick	Club Flasher:	Peter Boekhorst
Treasurer:	Walter Volpatti		

MOTION: To destroy the ballots by Murray Davelaar, 2nd by Ken Paterson – Carried
MOTION: To accept the election results by Murray Devalaar, 2nd by Vivian Hatiras – Carried

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Submitted by Debi Pearce

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Robson's have once again, offered their home and hospitality for our Christmas (dinner) Party. Location: 25433 117th Ave, Maple Ridge(East Dewdney, South 256, West 117th) Date: Dec. 20,

Time: Socializing at 7 and dinner starting approx 7:45. Cost: like regular lunch \$ 15.= or ticket.

There will be no gift-exchange this year, instead members all donated to the Christmas Theatre Angels Project at the Act.

Expect some "SURPRISE ENTERTAINMENT" by Kevin in conjunction with the Social Committee..... Spouse/partner is invited (NO children), this is an adult social.

If you forgot to bring non-perishable food item(s) today, please bring it to the Christmas Party, to be donated to the Friends in Need Foodbank.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SANTA CHRISTMAS TRAIN

I've spoken with Vicky Travis, Director of the Foodbank and they would like us there early on Saturday as the train sometimes arrives by 6 pm. Originally we were to meet for 6:45 pm. They are now asking that we be available from 6 pm – 7 pm. The coin that is collected will be rolled immediately after the train departure at the Foodbank office (#8, 22726 Dewdney Trunk Road). If you're able to spare ½ hour to an hour to help roll coin afterwards please advise (we have the use of a coin sorter and counter, so we're just rolling the coin).

I would like to invite those who are participating at the train station (Westcoast Express at the foot of 222nd Street on River Road) to stop by my place prior to the event for a beverage and nibbles.

The invitation is open from 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm. My address is:

Lynda Lawrence, Intercom number 34
Suite 406, 22233 River Road (River Garden Apts across from Westcoast Express)

Please advise if you're able to attend.
Lynda

HOSPICE CASH CALENDAR

We need volunteers to take 2 hour slots at the Haney Place Mall and sell sell sell those calendars. Very few of our members volunteered and we need people **DESPERATELY!!!!!!** The mall is open every day from 9:30 am until 9 pm and we need at least one body at all times (we were hoping for 2....but that turned into a "pipe dream" I'm afraid!)

PLEASE VOLUNTEER 2 HOURS OF YOUR TIME
(Pick a time-slot....just about all of them are open...especially Wednesday and Friday)

and let's get those calendars sold....we only have about 2 weeks left and there are lots of calendars still to be sold.
Remember we have to follow through on our commitment to Hospice!