

The following was adapted for Rotary by Bill Robson, Assistant District Governor (Area D).  
 Bill noted that the earliest posting was found in a Missouri newspaper on November 27, 1908.  
 It has been used throughout the last Century by Masonic Lodges and Lions Clubs.

### The Faithful Few

When the meeting's called to order,  
 And you look around the room;  
 You're sure to see some faces,  
 That from out the shadows loom,  
 That are always at the meeting,  
 And stay 'til it is through,  
 The ones that I would mention,  
 Are the always, Faithful Few.

They fill the vacant offices,  
 As they are always on the spot,  
 No matter what the weather,  
 Though it may be awful hot;  
 It may be dark and rainy,  
 But, they are tried and true;  
 The ones you can rely on,  
 Are the always, Faithful Few.

There's lots of worthy members,  
 Who will come when in the mood;  
 When everything's convenient,  
 They can do a little good;  
 They're a factor in the District  
 And are necessary, too,  
 But the ones who never fail us  
 Are the always, Faithful Few.

If it were not for these Faithful  
 Whose shoulders at the wheel  
 Keep Rotary moving onward,  
 Without a halt or reel;  
 What would be the fate of Rotary,  
 Who have so much to do?  
 They surely would go under  
 but for the Faithful Few.



# The Four Way Flasher

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### *OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICES MONTH*

#### INVOCATION

<b>Oct. 17</b>	Peter Boekhorst	<b>Oct. 24</b>	Ineke Boekhorst
<b>Oct. 31</b>	Robert Campbell	<b>Nov. 7</b>	Vladimir Cukor

#### BINGO SCHEDULE

	<b>6:15 - 8:15</b>	<b>8:00 - 10:00</b>
<b>Nov. 02</b>	Bob Shantz	Dave Rempel
<b>Nov. 30</b>	Marco Terwiel	Anil Bharwani



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**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Hugh Burke – Headmaster, Meadow Ridge School

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** District Governor Rod Thompson

#### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Oct. 24	noon	DG's Visit – Rod Thompson	
Nov. 7	6pm	Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Course
Jan. 20		Zone Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar	Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$19.00+ 1/2 of today's sales, 51 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## LAST WEEKS MEETING

Mary gave a report on the progress of the Sports Banquet committee. 19 out of 20 tables are sold. Frank Ervin has taken on selling the doctor's table for Marco. Mary suggested that Bob Shantz organize a Meadow Ridge Rotary table, which Bob agreed to do.

Mary advised that the auction organizer had just called to say she was unable to do the project, so Mary has lined up two other people to work on calling for auction items. Ineke and Debi will be running the Silent Auction again. They're considering some new fundraising ideas such as a Key Raffle or Blind Auction. The committee is looking for items over \$100. in value for the Silent Auction but will accept lower value items for the Balloon Draw.

This will be our 16<sup>th</sup> banquet. Our Guest Speaker will be the "best comic we've ever had", according to Gordy. John McKeachie will once again be our MC for the evening. Mary said that we were able to donate \$50,000 towards the recently opened Lacrosse Sports Court project this year, and last year we opened the all weather field at Samuel Robertson.

Gordy said there may be a potential project coming up that we could get involved in. He advised that there is a plan to re-build Hammond Stadium. It would have between 2,000 – 5,000 seats, and it would be the home of minor baseball in Maple Ridge. The contribution would be \$50,000. over four years. A written funding proposal will be presented to the club to be approved by the members should the project move forward. There is also interest in constructing another all weather field, this one in Pitt Meadows.

Mary said there are seven past Home Town Heroes coming to the Banquet. The families of each new inductee have bought tables for the dinner. There were 10 new applications received this year alone, as we have some very talented athletes in Maple Ridge. Celebrities in attendance will include Lou Passaglia, Roger Lemiere who will bring the Giants' Cup, and Mary is seeing if Bobbie Lenarduzzi will attend with the Whitecaps' Cup.

She advised that she needs volunteers for the night of the banquet to help with the 50/50 and balloons sales. She would ideally like to have our Rotarian bankers help with the financial processing of the sales after the Silent Auction is over. Rotary volunteers can either buy a ticket for the dinner or McDonald's will provide dinner for all the volunteers.

This is an important event that raises lots of money for youth sports facilities. This helps keep the kids focused on a sport, rather than hanging out aimlessly, getting into drugs and trouble.

Mary announced that the Haney Rotary Men's Night is being held Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Pitt Meadows Hall. Cocktails at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. Tickets are \$100., and Mary has some if any of the men are interested in attending. They are helping us by selling a table at our event, so we're going to try to help them.

Bob gave a brief report on the Hospice Opening. There were a number of our members in attendance, and many organization and individuals turned out to show support. It is a state of the art facility that will be supported in part by a grant from the Founders Cup and the Men's' Endowment Fund. There were a series of moving presentations given, and our Club received a Certificate of Appreciation for the support.

Bob reminded the club that there is a Zone Rotary International Seminar being held in Richmond on January 20, 2007. He is starting a carpool if anyone is interested.

Ineke reported that the Wine Fest had made between \$17,000 – 18,000. The event was a little over capacity so the committee is looking for a new venue for next year. (Suggestion made to look at the PM Leisure Centre).

This was a very successful event. Ineke advised that she's looking for a storage space for fundraising items such as the new tablecloths that were bought for the Wine Fest. These are being rented out for \$10. per tablecloth for events. We have about 30 tablecloths in black. There have already been a couple of rentals since the purchase, so we'll recover the costs of the purchase fairly quickly.

Submitted by Lynda Lawrence

## THE FLYING DOCTOR'S REPORT

After three weeks of looking after the Inuit, I am looking forward to come home. Today I was supposed to fly from Rankin Inlet to Coral Harbour, a settlement on Southampton Island in the most Northern part of the Hudson Bay. The nursing station there had a list of people they wanted me to see. I arrived at the terminal building and so did the plane. However the weather gods decided that it was impossible to land in Coral Harbour and thus I returned to my apartment and unpacked everything I had carefully packed early in the morning.



There is no fresh produce in Coral Harbour and one cannot do the nurses there a greater favour than bringing some. In the times I have been here before I know what is available and what is not. I therefore pack a lot of healthy groceries wherever I go. Rankin Inlet is not too bad, other than extremely expensive e.g. \$10.65 for a carton of orange juice. Anything else is also three to four times the price we fork out in Maple Ridge. So maybe tomorrow I will get to deliver my fresh produce and I hope not with a repeat of last week's experience.

Even if I am prepared to go to one of the settlements and have my meals carefully planned, Murphy's law will still apply. Last week I was supposed to fly to Arviat. They do have a hotel there if you can call that establishment by that name. The only food there is deep fried. My luggage went on the plane in Rankin and the first stop was Arviat. There were only 12 passengers on the aircraft, most of them headed for Churchill and Winnipeg. I get off the plane, but my luggage did not. I frantically pointed that out to the baggage handler and I was told they got everything bound for Arviat off the plane. The plane was still on the tarmac and had not started the engines yet. No dice, they were not going to check. Then the Calm Air flying machine took off. The manager of the terminal did some phoning and yes my belongings were on their way South. However the plane was supposed to fly back North later that day and they would deliver it to my lodgings.

You can guess what happened next. The plane did return with three hours delay and no bags. That was the last flight for the day and everyone went home. "Tomorrow we will try and find your luggage". I had absolutely nothing other than my laptop and brushing your teeth or changing socks are not part of the programming of that technical miracle. So I spent the first night in Arviat less than happy. Part of the unhappiness were the lodgings. My room could easily double as a dungeon. No windows and only a very noisy fan, pumping some air into the smallish room. Fortunately I did have earplugs, because the aircraft up North are noisy and I like to protect my hearing. The next day my luggage arrived with a label on it "RUSH". Calm Air management does have a sense of humour.

You may wonder why I even consider working here? The people I work with are mostly great, the work I get to do is challenging and professionally rewarding and I do make a difference in the lives of many Inuit.

See you the 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Marco