

## ROTARY CLUB OF MEADOWRIDGE – WHO ARE WE?

MeadowRidge was chartered on November 19, 1989. We are a luncheon club with 41 members currently. Over the past year we have added ten new members and lost several members.

We have a number of fundraising events each year to support our programs. Our Harvest Wine Festival will be held September 15, 2007 and produces \$12-20,000.00 per year for Arts and Culture. This has become an established annual event that much of the community looks forward to.



Our Sports Banquet Hometown Heroes will be held this year October 16, 2007. This banquet is our premier fundraiser for the Club. It features world-class athletes from the NHL, NFL, JHL and other world-class competitors as guests; we honor our local men and women who have achieved that level of excellence. The banquet produces somewhere between \$27-40,000.00 a year and the project has provided funding to facilitate the creation of additional sports facilities in our community. An all weather sports field at Samuel Robertson Technical is a Rotary field. A lacrosse box at Maple Ridge Senior Secondary is a Rotary lacrosse box. A second all weather field is being built and is near completion at Laity Secondary School. The Twin Rinks were concreted to facilitate floor hockey and there have been a host of other smaller projects that the funding from the Sports Banquet has provided for youth and sports facilities in our community. This has been a significant boon to youth and sports in the community.



Our Rotary/Hospice Calendar project provides a lottery calendar with the funds going to Hospice to fulfill our Club's \$100,000.00 commitment to Hospice in the community. A year ago the Hospice facility was opened and Hospice, which is another not-for-profit society, has had to furnish the facility at an approximate cost of \$350,000.00. Our funds have gone towards Hospice's needs in that regard.

There are a number of lesser projects, which support Rotary. Our member, Vladimir Cukor's Bee BBQ at his bee farm provides \$2-3,000.00 per year, which funds go directly to Rotary International.



The Italian Serrata provides \$5-10,000.00 per year for the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation for medical equipment. It is a dinner provided by La Trattoria Restaurant at their cost with all of the funds going for the Foundation's needs.

We normally have a Youth Diversion Dinner that is sponsored by Paul Prokop, our host for our luncheon club with Rotary, which funds supports the Court Program to divert young offenders from the court process. This dinner has provided funds anywhere between \$5-25,000.00 on a yearly basis to support that program.

MeadowRidge Rotary is a dedicated group seeking to do good wherever and whenever possible.



# The Four Way Flasher

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## August is Membership & Extension Month

### INVOCATION

Aug. 28	Peter Boekhorst	Sept. 4	Robert Campbell
Sept. 11	Jim Coulter	Sept. 18	Vladimir Cukor

### BINGO SCHEDULE

	6:15 - 8:15	8:00 - 10:00
Sep. 06	Mina Park	Vladimir Cukor
Oct. 04	Wendy Lindvik	Walter Volpatti

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TODAY'S PROGRAM: DG John Bosch's visit

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:



### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sept. 15	7:00pm	Harvest Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Centre
Oct. 16	6-11pm	Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Course

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$207.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 43 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

### The Star-Spangled Banner

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;  
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave

### O Canada

O Canada!  
Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

### DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN BOSCH' VISIT

#### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. The Star-Spangled Banner  
O Canada (Sharon Kyle, Dot Ralston)
3. Inspirational Thought Peter Boekhorst
4. Lunch is served
5. Introduction of regular guests: Sergeant at Arms
  - a. Mystery Greeter - ??
  - b. Fine Master - Kevin Nosworthy
  - c. Happy and Sad Dollars
  - d. 50/50 Draw
6. Introduction of Head Table - President Robert Shantz
  - a. Welcome from charter member and Mayor of Maple Ridge, Gordy Robson
  - b. President, Robert Shantz Intro ADG - Denis Boyd
  - c. Denis Boyd Intro District Governor, John Bosch
7. District Governor - 20 minutes  
Question Period
8. Announcements
9. Adjourn and Toast to the Queen

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Ken Knuttila advised that he had gone to visit his nephew on the weekend, who went through rehab, and has just celebrated his one year cake. Ken also attended the recent Hannah House picnic, and advised that they have had 1,000 women go thru their program within the past five years.

Marco said that due to the low attendance at the BBQ this weekend, Vlad and Zdenka may not be having one next year. The auction went very well and in total \$2,300 was raised. Unfortunately there was a lot of leftover food.

Mary thanked everyone for their help on Heritage Day. It was a successful event, hopefully the first of many annual celebrations.

Ineke advised that there is a new event taking place this weekend at the Memorial Peace Park on Sunday from noon-7pm. The Arabian Nights Festival is an all day family event featuring free "Veil Work" and "Belly Dance" workshops. It's a lively, colourful event with a 'Gypsy Caravan' feel, and includes authentic clothing, jewellery and art. It has been sponsored by our Club and is presented by the Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association.



Mary advised that she's looking for volunteers for this year's Sports Banquet, which will be held Tuesday October 16th. Gordy advised that tickets will be sold by the table, not individually to make the sales process easier. Tables are sold on a first come basis, with those signing up early having the option of picking and sponsoring celebrities and Home Town Heroes. Tickets are \$150. Each. There are a number of tables already sold for this annual event.

Bob spoke on the Rotary Foundation. He advised that 50% of the funds that we donate comes back to the District within 3 years. The money is invested when it's received and earns interest. It then comes back in the form of funding for the various programs within our District such as the Ambassadorial Scholarships, GSE programs, volunteer service grants and matching grants.

Bob spoke about working with the Haney Rotary Club on a joint International project involving water. There is a joint Fireside proposed for September 12 at Loon Lake. The social coordinators are Bart Findlay and Kevin Nosworthy.

**Submitted by Lynda Lawrence**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 3: Dave Rempel

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 31: Anthony & Vivian Hatiras  
Sept 2: Fraser & Debbie MacRae  
Sept 3: Mike & Wendy Lindvik