

## RED DOT PROGRAM

The Executive members of the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club of Maple Ridge are pleased to help you learn and explore the many facets of Rotary.

### A CHECK LIST OF ACTIVITIES FOR NEW AND NOT SO NEW MEMBERS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MEADOW RIDGE ROTARY CLUB

To help you join in the activities of The Rotary Club of Meadow Ridge and explore the many facets of Rotary we've developed a list of action items that we feel will help you learn more about our club, explore the opportunities of Rotary, and find your niche in our organization. Reporting of the completion of each item on the list is on an honour basis.

For questions contact your president or president elect.

We hope that you can complete at least 12 of the 20 activities (or better yet all of the activities) within the next six months.

Donate a "Happy Dollar" upon reaching the 12 activity milestone and remove your Red Dot.

1. Review the Rotary International web site at [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)
2. Serve as Club Mystery Greeter at least twice during the period you are in the Red Dot Program.
3. Attend a Board of Directors meeting to observe the internal club operations. The Club Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30 A.M. at a location selected by the Club President-announced at the regular luncheon meeting and shown on the club website [www.meadowridgerotary.ca](http://www.meadowridgerotary.ca). on the EVENTS calendar.
4. Attend a Rotary meeting at another area club. Refer to the RI website for meeting days, times and places. E.g. the Haney club meets Wednesdays at the Meadow Gardens at 6 P.M., preferably accompanied by your mentor or longer serving Rotarian.
5. Meet as many members as possible. Sit with a different group each meeting while in the Red Dot program.
6. Be active in the planning and implementation of a major Club project.
7. Serve on at least one Club Committee. See the Club President for details.
8. Schedule a two-minute or a longer 'Who is Who' (*Classification Talk*). Contact the Club Program Director Lynda Lawrence to get on the agenda.
9. Arrange a speaker for one regular Club meeting. Contact the Monthly Program Chair for open dates.
10. Attend a District 5050 Seminar, Assembly, Conference or District Committee meeting. Refer to [www.district5050.org](http://www.district5050.org) for the schedule of District 5050 activities.
11. Visit at least three Ridge Meadows members for lunch or coffee or their place of business.
12. Assist the Sergeant-At-Arms in setting-up and conducting the weekly meetings – develop the skills needed to operate the power point projector, banner display, etc.
13. Once each month while in the Red Dot Program, participate in the Club's opening preamble by, delivering the invocation, be the fine master, or present a Rotary moment.
14. Review the District 5050 web site at [www.district5050.org](http://www.district5050.org).
15. Bring a guest to Rotary
16. Attend a fireside meeting
17. Have perfect attendance for one month
18. Read the booklet: The ABC's of Rotary
19. Propose a new member
20. Attend a Rotary social function



# The Four Way Flasher

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## January is Rotary Awareness Month



### INVOCATION

Jan. 12	Lynda Lawrence	Jan 19	Debbie MacRae
Feb. 2	Kevin Nosworthy	Feb. 9	Patrick O'Brien

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 13: Mat deBruyn      Jan. 16: Lara Coulter  
Jan. 17: Irena Shanz      Jan. 18: Ron Curran

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Scout Master for Canada

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Robert Campbell - Navigating the Web/E Meetings

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Jan. 26	6:00 pm	Fireside Meeting – Marco's home	21616 River Rd. M.R.
March 9		New Members Meeting	
April 30		Shelterbox Village	M.R. Memorial Peace Park

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$511.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 36 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Brian Bekar was fine master. He mentioned that we need three more members to reach our quota. Marco has two more in the wings. If you came to lunch today and did not consider bringing a friend, you owe a dollar.

Patrick O'Brian shared the Rotary moment.

He was reading on the Rotary web site, but then found something interesting on Wikipedia. In 2002 the Rotary Center for International Studies has created a master degree program and scholarship. The scholarship is for a degree in conflict resolution. Robert Campbell added that we can nominate a candidate for taking the program. Challenge to find a Peace Scholar from Maple Ridge.

Re: Hockey game, Marco has some tickets for Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 11am Women Bronze game. The tickets are worth \$1,000.00. The club idea to buy the tickets for \$240.00 and auction them off was forwarded. The idea was passed by the club.

The Scout master for all of Canada is our guest speaker for next week. This will be a well attended meeting and we need to get some feedback on numbers.

You can get tickets to the Act and see the opening of the Olympics on the big screen.



Guest speaker today was Ineke. The topic was Shelterbox.

A shelterbox provides immediate relief in emergency situations. A box was on hand for viewing. Last year we had 12 shelter boxes at the park at the Act. All tents were set up within an hour. Everything you need to keep a family of 10 alive for a month is in the box (excluding food). There is even a water purification system, stove, games and more.

A video presentation followed. This year we are planning April 30<sup>th</sup> to have a shelter box village. We need volunteers to stay overnight in the shelters. We will be setting up 12 shelters again this year.

The shelter box program was born in 2000. The Shelterbox program has generated 60 million in donations. We have helped more than 500,000 people in times of urgent need, providing dignity for people in these circumstances. These boxes can be very quickly deployed. A response team accompanies the shelter boxes and people are assisted in the set up. Examples of

help, Asian Tsunami, Indonesia and Sri Lanka, over 200,000 people helped. The massive Kashmir earthquake in 2005 is an example of where the shelter boxes are deployed. In 2007 homes were provided to North Korea when a damn broke. Natural disasters, victims of conflict are the main beneficiaries. The Shelter box provides hope while people begin to rebuild their lives. There are many ways to donate, please join us.

In the 2008-2009 Rotary year, 503 shelter boxes were sponsored by Canadians. This year we are already at 500 boxes and we have a goal for 1000 boxes. Malawi, Christmas eve, 200 boxes were deployed. 75% of all Rotary clubs participated last year.

**Submitted by Alphonse Seward**

## NIGERIA THE 2009 LEADER IN PROGRESS TOWARD ENDING POLIO

By Dan Nixon Rotary International News -- 8 January 2010

A Rotarian records that a household's children have been vaccinated against polio during Immunization Plus Days in Nigeria. *Rotary Images/Joseph Lorenzo*



The incidence of polio in Nigeria dropped by more than 50 percent in 2009 to 388 cases as of 22 December, compared with 783 cases for the same period in 2008.

Most dramatic was the decline in the transmission of the type 1 wild poliovirus, to 74 cases from 707. Also, the proportion of unimmunized children in Nigeria's highest-risk states fell below 10 percent for the first time.

The [World Health Organization's](#) Advisory Committee on Polio Eradication attributes 95 percent of the world's progress against the disease in 2009 to Nigeria's success. Rotarians are playing a key role in their country's gains by

- Immunizing children and helping to overcome resistance from families initially opposed to vaccination
- Airing public service announcements on state radio and sponsoring town criers to urge mothers to bring their children to immunization posts
- Monitoring National Immunization Days and Immunization Plus Days, and handing out soap, school supplies, and other items to children who were vaccinated
- Advocating with government, religious, and traditional leaders to step up support for ending polio
- Conducting a national workshop in September to train local Rotary leaders in polio eradication

"There is a big momentum, much more than ever before, of the federal government, more state governments, and traditional leaders, as well as some local governments, to mobilize all the needed forces," says Busuyi Onabolu, chair of the Nigeria PolioPlus Committee. The effort aims to ensure "that the required quality of the campaigns is regularly implemented and every child is immunized with the potent OPV [oral polio vaccine] drops."

Supplementary Immunization Plus Days in November "witnessed a massive support from traditional leaders," says Onabolu. "There is no doubt that the traditional and religious institutions have added a new and positive dynamic to the polio eradication campaign."

Dr. Muhammad Ali Pate, executive director of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency, the government entity responsible for polio immunization activities in Nigeria, pointed to "an enormous responsiveness on the part of parents in many states" as key to the success of Immunization Plus Days in October that reached more than 30 million children.

Other allies in Nigeria's drive to end the disease include Journalists Against Polio and the Forum of Muslim Women of Nigeria, both with networks in the country's high-risk northern states. Organizations like these are working in partnership with the media and communities to help coordinate the promotion of polio eradication.

A bivalent vaccine, already in use in Afghanistan, has been developed to stop the transmission of the type 1 and type 3 wild polioviruses simultaneously. According to WHO, the vaccine is intended for introduction in India and Nigeria by late January and is expected to be "a critical new tool" in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.