



# The Four Way Flasher

**Meadow Ridge Rotary Club**

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## November is Rotary Foundation Month



**TODAY:** Sports Banquet Committee's funding recommendations.

**NEXT WEEK:** Brent Manyk & Jackie Kendziorek – GSE Brazil Trip

### FRIENDS IN NEED FOOD BANK

If you haven't yet donated to the 'Friends in Need' Food Bank, you still have 2 weeks to do so! You are being asked to donate 2 non-perishable food items, or a monetary donation.

### INVOCATION:

Nov. 30	Maureen Goodrick
Dec. 7	Lindsay Hendy
Dec. 14	Mariella Ignatieff
Dec. 21	Brian Johnston

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 4	5:30pm	Christmas Parade (Foodbank)	221 St. and Dewdney Trunk Rd.
Dec. 14	noon	AGM & election of 2011/12 Executive	
Dec. 17	7:00pm	CP Christmas Train	Port Haney Station
Dec. 21	noon	Christmas Luncheon	
Jan. 18		Fireside at Marco's residence	21616 River Rd.

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

This was a very special meeting: the District Governor's official visit to our club.



Jim Coulter introduced the guests: DG Wayne Wiebe and his wife Arlene, ADG Daryll Burnham, Zdenka Cukor, Shelly (?), Deb Tucker, Jan Dale and Wende Dawes

### SPECIAL MENTIONS:

The Club celebrated with President Lynda on her birthday, looking slim and trim and particularly smashing in a sleek fitting black suit, selected especially for the occasion!!!

### ROTARY MOMENT.

Patrick told the club about an initiative introduced by one of the Rotary Peace Scholars in West Africa. In memory of those who suffered inhumane practices such as slavery in the 1700-1800's, a 2 bus cavalcade would be travelling through the region promoting the principles of Democracy and Peace.

### INSTALLATIONS OF 3 NEW MEMBERS:

As part of his duties, DG Wayne Wiebe, installed 3 new members. Wende Dawes and Jan Dale, both former members of the club, were welcomed back into the club. Both have had lengthy, successful careers in mortgage broking and currently work together in a local brokerage.

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$96.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 49 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**



Volunteer of the year award.

Wendy was nominated for the business person of the year award by the local Chamber of Commerce and Jan has received several community services awards, including the 1997 Emergency Services

- To increase numbers of members on district committees. This has already been achieved.
- Restore amount of Annual Fund Giving, which had to been depleted over the last 3 years due to huge donations being directed towards Polio Plus. This goal had already been reached way beyond expectation.

Another most important goal for all Rotarians was to HAVE FUN!

Deb Tucker, nominated by Mary Robson, was also installed. Deb plays volleyball competitively and competed in the BC Winter Games. Professionally she is involved in event management, education and fundraising.

The club was reminded of the District Conference to be held on May 5-8, 2011 at Harrison Hot Springs. The keynote speaker will be Jennifer Jones. In order to promote the theme of the Governors Ball, which was Mardi Grass, and in keeping with the RI convention in New Orleans, he put on a string of blue beads and encouraged all members to attend the conference.

**PAUL HARRIS AWARDS:**

DG Wayne also handed over two well deserved Paul Harris Awards:

Maureen Goodrick, because the past Presidents are more aware than any other member that the job of club secretary is low profile, but essential if you want the president to be able to lead the club effectively. Maureen did that job in an exemplary way for three consecutive Rotary years.



He told the club that at the beginning of his year of office, he wanted to have a theme, which would be supportive and match with the official RI theme for the year. He chose the theme, "Be Your Best". He would use this slogan on pins for special members of clubs whose efforts needed to be recognised. This would be a way of encouraging members to be active in their clubs. He requested the presidents of each clubs to identify worthy recipients. President Lynda had identified certain members of the club, which required special mention. They are:

Zdenka Cukor received the Paul Harris Award in honour of her late husband Vladimir. They hosted for 8 years the Bee BBQ and provided all the food and drinks. All the proceeds of these BBQ's went to the Rotary Foundation.



- Matt DeBruyn - 4 Way Test program in elementary schools.
- Gordon & Mary Robson - 20 years of Sports Banquet.



**DG WAYNE WIEBE'S ADDRESS:**

ADG Darryl introduced DG Wayne. He promised the club as this was the DG's 57<sup>th</sup> visit, his speech was sure to be absolutely polished!



DG Wayne was born in Brixton in the UK. He came to Canada after World War II. He completed a BA degree at UBC and was married to Arlene in 1967. He became Principal of Langley Elementary School, where he remained for 25 years until he retired in 2001. He enjoys travelling and has 2 grown-up children.



- Patrick O'Brien - "Kick Polio into Touch".



- Ineke Boekhorst and Alphonse Seward - Shelter-Box fundraising for Haiti.

He shared his goals for the year with the club and commented on whether he believed these would be achieved by the end of the Rotary Year. Some of these included:

After meeting with members of the board earlier, he was most impressed with the achievements of the club thus far.

- Having each club grow by 1 net member. It did not appear that this would be achievable.

He encouraged the club to work towards meeting the requirements of a Presidential Citation.

(All the pictures are on our website: MeadowRidgeRotary.ca)