



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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December is Rotary Family Month



TODAY: Brent Manyk & Jackie Kendziorek – GSE Brazil Trip

NEXT WEEK: AGM & election of 2011/12 Executive

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 10: Peter & Ineke Boekhorst

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 11: Wende Dawes

INVOCATION:

Dec. 7	Lindsay Hendy
Dec. 14	Mariella Ignatieff
Dec. 21	Brian Johnston
Jan. 4	Ken Knuttila

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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	6:00pm	Fireside at Marco's residence	21616 River Rd.

FESTIVE FUNDRAISER FOR POLIO PLUS



The Meadow Ridge Rotary Club is presenting a Festive Christmas Fundraising Event. We are selling beautiful greenhouse grown 6" Cyclamen.

These fabulous plants, MUCH nicer than a poinsettia, are locally grown (Amsterdam Greenhouses), come in a festive pot and with a handmade Christmas card for easy gift giving attached.....all you have to do is sign your name on the card!

This is the perfect gift for staff, associates, clients, friends, neighbours, hairdresser, teacher.....you name it! Plants will be available at the Rotary Christmas Luncheon, Tuesday Dec. 21 (or earlier, if you require)

PRICE: \$20 each (tax included) or 5 for \$90.
We can provide a receipt for your records if required.

ALL proceeds to the POLIO PLUS Campaign!

Payment cash or credit card; cheque to Meadow Ridge Rotary.
Please let Ineke know how many and when you require, so we know how many to order (only 100 available!)

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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.

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$123.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 48 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Requests for funding from the proceeds of the Sports Banquet

Mary Robson told the club that, after considering all the funding requests which had come in from various sporting organizations in the community, a short list of 3 projects had been identified.

Representatives from each of the organizations would be giving a presentation on their respective projects, giving full details of the project, cost implications, the overall benefit to the community and the provision for future maintenance, if funding was granted.

She mentioned that this year the committee had resolved to go back to some of the projects funded in previous years and build on what had already been done by Rotary in the past.

Samuel Robinson Technical School:

Funding for an Electronic Score Board

Leslie McPherson, an Athletic Director at the school and a previous "Home Town Hero" gave the presentation. Some 7 years ago the club had funded the laying of an all-weather turf, known as the Rotary Field. This initiative had proved to be extremely beneficial to the school, especially during the winter months. The turf is used continuously throughout school day for all sports including soccer, football and hockey. The school was now requesting funding of approximately \$30,000.00 to purchase an electronic scoreboard to be erected at the side of the field, bearing the Rotary logo and advertising the sponsorship. The school felt that this would upgrade the field from a school field to major sporting facility. It would be maintained by the school's maintenance team.



Maple Ridge Secondary School:

Funding for Storage Facilities for Sporting Equipment



Andrew Lenton - board member of the Maple Ridge Athletics Association - introduced the next project.

This was another project which the club had previously funded. Currently the school's sporting equipment is stored in 40ft containers which are in a very poor state and have become almost unusable due to leakage, mould and condensation.

Track and field equipment is particularly large, bulky and heavy to move. A request is being made for 3 X 40ft containers, which would not only store the equipment, but also provide office space for storage of specialised electronic equipment. The total cost of the project would be \$34, 218.00 of which the club was requested to commit to an amount of \$19,718.00. Acknowledgment for Rotary's contribution would be publicised in the local newspaper and the GEA website.

The Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club (RCKC):

Funding for the upgrade of the Whonnock Lake Paddling & Recreation Centre

Ken Kelleway told us, that his club is the biggest paddling club in BC and soon becoming the largest in Canada. The club aims to encourage young people to live an active lifestyle, while at the same having fun.



Currently they are operating from a small boathouse which houses all the boats and provides little or no space for meetings or any of the club's organised activities. They require funding to replace the current facility and to provide washrooms, a small office, a weight room, an area to store the fleet of 129 boats.

The total cost of the project is in the region of \$2 million, but any contribution would be welcomed as several other donations have already been secured.

After a discussion between club members it was resolved to approve these 3 projects and divide the total funds available, being in the region of \$130,000.00, between them.

FRIENDS IN NEED FOOD BANK- CHRISTMAS PARADE

On Saturday December 4th a number of Rotarians came out to help the Friends In Need Food Bank with collection of food donations and money during the annual Christmas Parade. The weather was perfect for this event, and everyone had a good time.

While Rotarians Ineke and Peter Boekhorst were looking after the tree lighting ceremony in the Park; Rotarians Deb MacRae, Gordy and Mary Robson, Lindsay Hendy, the Ignatieff Family, Deb Tucker, Brian Johnston, Peter Davies and myself pushed shopping carts and shook cans along the parade route with Rotarian Liz cheering us on from the bus.

430 lbs of food was collected along the parade route and another 771 lbs was collected at the booth in the park for a total of 1,201 lbs of food. During the parade our group collected \$2,367.57 in cash with another \$278.76 collected at the booth for a grand total of \$2,646.33. I believe this is the most we've collected in cash since we began participating in this event.

Thank you to all those who came out and helped. Your participation is greatly appreciated! Congratulations to new Rotarians Deb Tucker and Brian Johnston for placing 2nd and 3rd in collecting the most cash.

Great job all!

President Lynda

