



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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Meetings: Tuesday 12pm, Bella Vita Restaurant

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December is Rotary Family Month



TODAY: AGM & election of 2011/12 Executive

NEXT WEEK: Christmas Luncheon

CP Christmas Train at the Haney Station, Friday Dec. 17th

Open House at Lynda Lawrence: 5pm, share some Christmas cheer and yummys, before the CP Christmas train event and walk over to Santa train together.

Lynda's address: 406-22233 River Rd. Phone: 604-467-3333

Santa Train: arrives at Port Haney approx. 7:45pm, be there at 6:45pm

Features GREAT entertainment. Usually "cold" weather at this event, suggested dress: "warm" casual! Bring the family. We'll be accepting food & cash donations from the crowd (+ loading into the van)

INVOCATION:

Dec. 14	Mariella Ignatieff
Dec. 21	Brian Johnston
Jan. 4	Ken Knuttila
Jan. 11	Sharon Kyle

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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 1 week to do so!

You are being asked to donate 2 non-perishable food items, or a monetary donation.



50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$156.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 48 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our guests today were Irene Shantz and our Exchange Student Ines.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Ineke reminded members to purchase cyclamen pots for \$20.00 in aid of Polio Plus;
- Laura reported that the Wine Fest committee had met and resolved that the Wine Fest would go ahead as planned on April, 9 2010.

ROTARY MOMENT

Walter relayed an article which had featured in the Rotarian Magazine about a club who had been instrumental in providing a hot lunch every day to Nicaraguan school children. Malnutrition is a major problem in the country and affects almost 20% of the country's children.

GUEST SPEAKER :

Brent Manyk – Member of outbound GSE Team to Brazil 2010

President Lynda introduced the speaker. Brent was chosen as a member of the GSE team to visit Brazil in June 2010. Being District 50/50, the team of 5 was made up of 2 Canadian and 2 American members and their American team leader.



The team visited 10 cities in and around central Brazil. The largest of which was Carachupa. They gave presentations to a number of clubs in the District, for which they were required to learn Portuguese.

By profession, Brent is a fire fighter in the Vancouver Fire Department. From a vocational perspective he was taken to a number of fire stations. The major difference between the Brazilian and Canadian fire fighting services is that in Brazil the firefighters are required to complete a full 4 year period of military training. They are fully qualified in the areas of lifesaving, coast guarding and community policing. However, their remuneration is remarkably low.

The team were taken to see many of the Rotary projects throughout the district and were amazed at the levels of poverty and need, compared to a first world country like Canada. They visited a computer centre which housed computers, which Canadians would have thrown away 15 years ago.

In regards to Brazilian culture, he enjoyed the music and cuisine most of all.

Although they had researched the Rotary organization before leaving for their trip, the team were amazed at how the same Rotary traditions were carried on throughout the world.

He thanked Rotary International and the club for the wonderful, life changing, opportunity he had been received by going on the exchange.

For more information on the Rotary GSE programme, visit the district or RI web sites.

HOT DOGS FOR FRIENDS IN NEED FOOD BANK

Several Rotarians spent last Saturday making hot dogs at Mark's Work Wearhouse. People could enjoy a hot dog and hot chocolate or coffee for a donation to the Friends In Need Food Bank. We collected \$600.

Mark's Work Wearhouse donated all the hot dogs, buns, the condiments, hot chocolate and coffee. In short: everything!

Well done everybody.

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cowboy logic

I have adopted "Cowboy Logic" as my theme song for two reasons. The first is its happy music that reflects the warm and positive atmosphere of Rotary club meetings around the world. The second is the common sense and simple approach expressed in its lyrics.

Fifty years ago, I often heard the expression "Keep Rotary simple." That admonition has been lost in the intervening years, and I want to remind Rotarians that the basic concept of Rotary service is simple. Club members, who are community leaders, learn to know and respect one another through their weekly meetings, which create friendship, fellowship, and networking. When a community need is identified, the club members find they have an amazing ability to fill the need because they have the leading business and professional leaders in the community as their members, and they know how to get things done!

The same simple approach works for club service, vocational service, and New Generations service projects. Rotary clubs have the talent to assess and prioritize the needs of their communities. They also have the expertise and resources to address the needs, if the clubs keep their members informed and motivated. The communications within the club must be simple – and frequent!

Perhaps it is in international service that the simplicity of Rotary is most evident. Rotarians learn that their fellow club members are trustworthy, and as they meet Rotarians from other countries, they realize they are similarly trustworthy. As a result, Rotary friends from faraway places are easily made and kept, and the resulting cooperation between clubs for international service projects is truly astounding!

The "Cowboy Logic" song says that cowboys have a simple solution for just about everything. So do Rotarians! It is called the spirit of Rotary, and its hallmarks are fellowship and service.

Together, we can make the world a better place by making our clubs Bigger, Better, and Bolder. So let's do it! That's cowboy logic!

RI President
Ray Klinginsmith