



# The Four Way Flasher

**Meadow Ridge Rotary Club**

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## December is Rotary Family Month



**TODAY:** Christmas Luncheon

**NEXT WEEK:** **No Meeting** – Next meeting Jan. 4, 2011

### Happy Birthday

Dec. 21: Sharon Bekar

Dec. 22: Peter Jinnah



### INVOCATION:

<b>Dec. 21</b>	Brian Johnston
<b>Jan. 4</b>	Ken Knuttila
<b>Jan. 11</b>	Sharon Kyle
<b>Jan. 25</b>	

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Jan. 15		Rotary Leadership Institute	Langley
Jan. 18	6:00pm	Fireside at Marco's residence	21616 River Rd.

### CP CHRISTMAS TRAIN

#### OVER \$21,113.24 IN DONATIONS TO FRIENDS IN NEED FOOD BANK

On Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> Canadian Pacific's brightly decorated Holiday Train returned to Port Haney Station, raising food, money and awareness for the Friends In Need. The Friends In Need Food Bank would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our supporters for their awesome contribution to our community.



In addition to the great work of Canadian Pacific and their employees, this year's Holiday Train gave us the opportunity to showcase our many supporters - including the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Fire Fighters, Trax Café, and The Billy Minor Pub as well as volunteer support that evening from the Firefighters, and the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club.

**A total of \$21,113.24 was presented to the food bank - 5500 pounds of food was also donated by members of both communities during the event.**

"Each year, the Holiday Train's message gets stronger and the engagement in our communities becomes more meaningful." said Tyler Shymkiw, Board Chair, "this year we surpassed last year's record of \$18,833.00 by \$2,280.24".

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$181.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 47 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

“The people of Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows have once again proved that they care about those who are less fortunate.” stated Joanne Olson, Executive Director of the Food Bank to the cheering happy crowd who sipped on hot chocolate and ate the steamy hotdogs provided by the Billy Minor Pub.

At each stop, Canadian Pacific provides a brightly decorated train, a box car converted into a stage with great musical talent and a corporate contribution to the local food bank. The community, in turn, rallies together at this free event - donating food and funds, all of which stays within their community.



Once again headlining the Canadian Holiday Train stage this year were The Odds. The Odds, an alternative rock band, bring their energy and full voiced harmonies to the Holiday Train stage. Prior to the train arriving Carly & Graham Strang entertained the crowd with Christmas Carrols.

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING - AGM

Last week was our Annual General Meeting and election of the executive for the Rotary Year 2011-12.

We will skip the part with “Proposed by ...”, “Second by ...”, “All in favour?”, “Carried!”

Our new executive will be:

President:	Terry Becker	Membership:	Brian Bekar
Past President:	Lynda Lawrence	Rotary Foundation:	Laurie Anderson
President Elect:	Lindsay Hendy	Community Services:	Mike Davies
Vice President:	Adrienne Dale	Club Service:	Mariella Ignatieff
Secretary:	David Riddell	Vocational Service:	Ross Dunning
Treasurer:	Walter Volpatti	International Service:	Peter Boekhorst
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Jim Coulter	New Generations:	Mary Robson

Hope they will do as good a job as the current executive.

### PROGRESS FOR ROTARY'S US\$200 MILLION CHALLENGE FOR POLIO ERADICATION

As of 30 November, Rotarians have raised about \$155.3 million for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. These contributions will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.

As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high.

