



# The Four Way Flasher

**Meadow Ridge Rotary Club**

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## January is Rotary Awareness Month



**TODAY:** Marco Terwiel – Travelogue

**NEXT WEEK:** Fireside. - **No regular meeting!**

### Happy Anniversary

Jan. 4: Ronald & Sharon Kyle

### Happy Birthday

Jan. 4: Michael Serry      Jan. 11: Marco Terwiel

### INVOCATION:

<b>Jan. 11</b>	Sharon Kyle
<b>Jan. 25</b>	Lynda Lawrence
<b>Feb. 1</b>	Debbie MacRae
<b>Feb. 8</b>	Patrick O'Brien

### 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.

## DECEMBER 21 MEETING

### End Polio Now

Thanks to all of you who participated in the END POLIO NOW fundraising over the month of December.

As you may remember we sold Cyclamen, gracefully given to us by Amsterdam Greenhouses (Ron & Lidy) at below wholesale cost. They came in a festive pot and beautiful Christmas card. We sold 100 of them and made \$1000 on this project alone.

Dave Rempel also conducted a "Live Auction" at the Christmas Luncheon; and members donated cash, instead of exchanging a gift with each other. It all added up to total proceeds of \$1349.00, which will be donated to the END POLIO NOW campaign.

Thanks again, to all of you, who participated; very little effort, with a great result!

Maybe we'll do it again next year.



**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$204.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 45 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Elect Terry welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2011. President Lynda is away on holidays for 2 weeks and Terry will be chairing.

Jim introduced our two guests – Irena Shantz and Lori Novotny.

Happy and Sad dollars ranged from “glad we beat the Americans in Junior hockey” to “small solicitation for sponsorship”. David challenged our knowledge of Polio Plus and fined us accordingly. Ineke gave us the Rotary moment, and a minor scheduling mishap resulted in 2 Mystery Greeters!!! All in good fun and the two “Davies” managed to put some coins in the fine cup.

Our next fireside will be at Marco's on the 18<sup>th</sup> and there will be no luncheon that day.

Lori Novotney read us a really nice letter from Cassandra who told us how she has been doing and what she has been doing and some of the emotional challenges of being away from her family particularly at Christmas, but she has managed to overcome them and has settled in nicely and is enjoying her experience.

Our guest speaker was MLA John Les who was recently named the Parliamentary Secretary for HST Information to the Minister of Finance. John has served as Solicitor General and Minister of Small Business and Economic Development. Mr. Les is an honorary Rotarian who was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of his exemplary community service, by the Rotary Club of Chilliwack.



Mr. Les spoke to us about the benefits of HST and the impacts to the economy and businesses if the Province goes back to the old PST system after the Referendum. A good question and answer session ensued and Mr. Les stayed and answered them all.

## POLIO REPORT

**REMARKABLE POLIO CASE COUNT - The world has never seen so few polio cases.**

83% decrease in endemic countries, 40% world wide.

We are on the threshold of total eradication.

This year Nigeria has 18 cases compared to 388 this time last year. India has 41 compared to 694. Cases in non-endemic countries are up - but under control.

The battle is not over, but the enemy is in retreat.

## RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

**Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge totals\***

**US\$ 158MM**

*\*As of 22 Dec, 2010*

## RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are at the halfway point in this Rotary year, and now is the time to test the strengths and weaknesses of our clubs. Perhaps a strange idea for some Rotarians, but how else will we learn how the activities and programs of our respective clubs match up to those of other clubs in our districts – and around the world? Therefore, I encourage all Rotarians – not only the club officers – to become involved in evaluating their clubs during the month of January.

The Presidential Citation program for 2010-11 has been designed as a score sheet for all the Avenues of Service. It also is a checklist for many of the activities and programs conducted by most clubs. Club presidents are required to complete the score sheets and submit them to their district governors by 31 March 2011 for their clubs to be eligible for the Presidential Citation awards. The scores should be shared with all club members either as written reports or as presentations at club meetings.

Starting work on the Presidential Citation test in January will provide an opportunity to correct any discovered deficiencies in club activities before the submission deadline of 31 March. It also will cause the club leaders to notice that a new Presidential Citation with Distinction award is available this year for clubs with a good balance of activities in all Avenues of Service.

This year I am recommending that all clubs review their practices and procedures to see if they are truly best practices or merely traditional practices. Annual evaluations of our clubs are certainly best practices, and more Rotarians than usual need to be involved in the evaluations for their clubs. The Presidential Citation score sheets are a good place to start the process. How else will we know if our clubs really are becoming Bigger, Better, and Bolder?

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