



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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February is World Understanding Month



TODAY: Duck Race Information
NEXT WEEK: New Members Meeting

Happy Birthday

Feb. 13: Kelly Fry

INVOCATION:

Feb. 1	Lynda Lawrence
Feb. 8	Debbie MacRae
Feb. 15	Patrick O'Brien
Feb. 22	Brett Paskar

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Feb. 15		New Member's Meeting	
April 9	7pm – 10pm	Wine Festival	Thomas Haney S.S.

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rotary DNA!

This Rotary year features a culture of innovation in which we are looking at all aspects of our policies, practices, and procedures to see if they can be modernized and improved. Not surprisingly for an old and large organization like ours, we are identifying many areas that could, and should, be brought up to date.

But at the same time, I fully recognize that some things are so significant in Rotary's success that they are sacrosanct. They are referred to in the RI Strategic Plan as our core values, but I prefer to call them our DNA. They are the characteristics that distinguish Rotary from all other organizations. They are the essence of who Rotarians are and what Rotarians have in common around the world.

The five core values named in the RI Strategic Plan are fellowship, service, integrity, diversity, and leadership. Young people prefer the word *networking* to our traditional word of *fellowship*, but to me they are equivalent. Both words lead to

lasting friendships in our clubs, which keep us together between projects and which make Rotary membership truly priceless. Friendship is clearly the most essential element of Rotary's DNA!

Rotarians should not worry that the current emphasis on modernization will damage our core values. That would be alien to Cowboy Logic, which includes the admonitions "Remember that some things are not for sale" and "Know where to draw the line." I want to assure Rotarians that we will not alter the values and attitudes that have made Rotary a premier organization – one that is now on the world stage through PolioPlus!

We have so much to be proud of as Rotarians. This is our finest hour, and our best days are still ahead as we help our clubs to be Bigger, Better, and Bolder. Along with our five core values, persistent progress is another prestigious part of Rotary's DNA!

RI President - Ray Klinginsmith

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$303.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 42 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

GUESTS: Irene Shantz, Lindsay Stanik, Samira Atthari and her father.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Club members were reminded of the Membership meeting on February 15th, 2011;
- Wine Fest meeting, February 7, 2011 @ 10.00am;
- There is a GSE team out from Korea, if any Rotarians are interested in making contact with them.

ROTARY MOMENT:

Bob Shantz reminded members of Robert Dunn's historic words, "No man is an island....." He then went on to compare Rotary to these famous words and how we need to work together for the common good of the community. Rotary's motto is service above self and if we work together on a common goal, many hands make light work.

MYSTERY GREETER:

There appears to have been a bit of a misunderstanding on the duty of the mystery greeter!! Deb Tucker proudly announced that she had "got round to everyone, so there were no fines".....sorry Deb, bad job, you owe us \$10,000.00.

GUEST SPEAKERS : DISTRICT 5050 - YAIL PROGRAM.

Samira Atthari & Lindsay Stadnik.

Two students, whom the club had sponsored to attend the district's YAIL program, came to the club to report back on the weekend.



Samira Atthari is a Grade 12 student from Meadow Ridge School and Lindsay Stadnik is a Grade 10 student at Garibaldi Senior School.

So what is this program all about? Here is some background information extracted from the district's website.

Youth Adventures In Leadership (YAIL)

YAIL is a Rotary District 5050 youth program for participants in the 10 and 11 grades (ages 15 - 17). It adapts the successful RYLA leadership program (for ages 18 - 25). It is a weekend event (Friday evening to Sunday noon), held annually in January. The sponsoring Rotary club pays the costs of the program.

Program Goals

The program is aimed at teaching participants, through a variety of leadership and growth exercises, what it is to be a leader. The program aims to empower students to network, plan and set goals, through the Four Pillars program, which are to: -

1. Help create a well-rounded individual;
2. With an broadened perspective; and
3. Enthusiasm for growth;
4. Who is able to make informed decisions?

Teaching Methods:

YAIL has four different sessions, each with speaker, followed by an activity. The activity and the speaker are directly related to allow participants to use the skills learned in the new activity.

The sessions are:

1. Pre-judging and Assumptions;
2. Goal Setting/ Time Management;
3. Risk Taking;
4. Choices/ Problem Solving.

Facilitators/Candidates

Participants are divided into groups with a youth facilitator (graduates of RYLA)

Candidates are selected and sponsored by a Rotary Club. Clubs are encouraged to contact a local high school for candidates, but can also choose candidates from their family, friends, neighbours and employees. The program has both American and Canadian participants, as well as an equal mix of male and female participants.

Samira described the program as inspiring and the fundamental lesson, which she learnt from the weekend, was to follow your dream and to do what you love to do in life. Lindsay said she was moved by Stephanie, a speaker in a wheelchair, who told the students how she had overcome huge adversities in her life. Lindsay said she had learnt a lot from the advice she had given.

They both thanked the club for giving them the opportunity to attend.

Submitted by Adrienne Dale