



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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February is World Understanding Month



TODAY: Installation of Melissa Kramer

NEXT WEEK: TBD

Happy Birthday

Feb. 26: Mariella Ignatieff

INVOCATION:

Feb. 22	Brett Paskar
March 1	Ken Paterson
March 8	Dave Rempel
March 15	David Riddell

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
April 9	7pm – 10pm	Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Centre
May 5 - 8		District Conference	Harrison Hot Springs
May 21 - 25		Rotary International Conference	New Orleans

PROMOTING WORLD UNDERSTANDING THROUGH FUTURE VISION

As February is World Understanding Month it could be a good time to think of the international service provided by Rotarians, clubs, and districts in light of the Future Vision pilot.



District 9800 (Australia) has allocated an amount of its district grant funds to send a medical team to Timor-Leste to implement a training program for midwives to help reduce the mortality rate of mothers and infants during childbirth. The district has also budgeted an amount to install a solar-powered water pump for a school and neighbouring community in Tanzania.

District 2070 (San Marino; Italy) is planning for a number of large district grant activities, including sending medical volunteers to humanitarian projects in Kosovo, Peru, and Madagascar, medical equipment to Congo, and a vocational training team to District 7490 (New Jersey, USA).

The Rotary Club of San Ignacio, Belize (District 4250), is host sponsor together with the international sponsor Rotary Club of South Cowichan (Mill Bay), B.C., Canada (District 5020), on a project to construct an open drainage system on the campus of Sacred Heart College (high school) in Belize to prevent flooding of the school and the breeding of mosquitoes that transmit dengue fever. There is also being implemented a multiplatform public health education campaign in cooperation with school authorities, the municipality, and community leaders, which will make the project sustainable.

There are several similarly good projects being implemented in many places throughout the world, all leading up to Building Communities -- Bridging Continents through Service Above Self.

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
Foundation Trustee Chair

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$330.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 41 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

GUESTS:

Val Bahnman, Jesse Sidhu, John Scott and Ines, our Exchange Student.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A reminder that the District Conference is to be held at Harrison Hot Springs from May 5th- 8th, 2011.

ROTARY MOMENT:

Terry Becker's Rotary Moment focused on International Peace Efforts. These are achieved through scholarships, exchange programs and humanitarian grants. In 2002, the Center for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution was launched. The program aimed at educating tomorrow's peacemakers. Hosted at 7 leading universities, 70 World Peace Scholars are funded each year to pursue graduate studies in international regions, conflict studies and negotiation, thereby helping to provide promising leaders with tools to further the cause of peace in the world.

REPORT FROM EXCHANGE STUDENT – INES

Ines briefly reported to the club on her year since arriving in August 2010. She is currently living with the Wright family, who are well known to the club, having had 4 children involved in the Youth Exchange program. She has experienced many of the sights and scenes of the area, but club members were urged to invite her along when doing something unusual. Peter Tam offered her an opportunity to go snowboarding! Her school subjects include Math, Philosophy, Science, French and English.



MEMBERSHIP MEETING – LED BY BRIAN BEKAR.

The meeting commenced with a video presentation and the launching of the Rotary theme song. Brian explained how Rotary was the largest service organization in the world having 1.2 million members from 35,000 clubs in 200 countries.

He then asked a few Rotarians to briefly share with the club and potential new members what Rotary meant to them.

Bob Shantz highlighted the vocational aspects of Rotary in a business sense. How we are seen as business people with integrity going about our daily work in accordance with the principles of the Four Way Test.

While Ross Dunning shared that he had joined Rotary after realising that although he was doing a lot of a community work, there was an international organization doing the same things and being much more effective. He decided to join Rotary so that he could belong to an organization which coordinated these community efforts into beneficial projects for the local and international community.

With the participation and assistance of a few members Brian then highlighted some of the benefits of being a Rotarian, which included:

- Professional Networking Opportunities;
- Service Opportunities;
- International Awareness;
- Friendship, Fellowship, Entertainment and Fun;
- Leadership Development;
- Participation in local and international community projects.

In closing he encouraged the guests present to consider joining the Rotary organisation.

Submitted by Adrienne Dale

Birthday Opportunity

To celebrate Rotary's birthday The Rotary Foundation is offering, for ONE DAY ONLY (February 23, 2011), Double Recognition for Online APF Contributions



Wine Festival April 9th



It's only 7 weeks away: our next Meadow Ridge Wine Festival! We need everybody's cooperation and effort to make this a successful event.

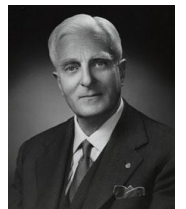
The tickets are available and if each Rotarian could sell at least 4 tickets, then

Please see Peter Boekhorst for tickets.

Quote of the Month: Understand and be understood

"The spirit of Rotary is not exclusive; it expands. It is not local, it is universal. And so the wish to understand and to be understood, the wish to see the virtues rather than the faults in others, the longing to find out what we have in common rather than what divides us — these can be widely shared."

— Gian Paolo Lang, 1956-57 RI president, address to 1957 convention.



Gian Paolo Lang,
1956-57 RI president
Rotary Images

Bank a Bottle, Save a Cat

Please help them by depositing your recyclables at the **Haney Bottle Depot #2** - 22935 Lougheed Hwy. (Opposite the Frogstone Grill)

Please ask for the deposit to go into BCSPCA account # 473, and save your receipt.

Important, we need that receipt. Please kindly drop it off either at **Bosleys Store**, 22745 Dewdney Trunk Road or at the **SPCA Shelter**, 10235 Jackson Road, Maple Ridge.

Thank you.