



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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March is Literacy Month



TODAY: Gary Hollick

NEXT WEEK: Glen Flet - L.I.N.C. Program

Happy Birthday

March 1: Gladys Davies

March 4: Jim Coulter

INVOCATION:

March 1	Ken Paterson
March 8	Dave Rempel
March 15	David Riddell
March 22	Gord Robson

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

END POLIO NOW MESSAGE ILLUMINATES WORLD LANDMARKS

Rotary International News -- 24 February 2011



The parliament building in The Hague is illuminated with an End Polio Now message.

Photo by Jan-Bart Mul, Rotary Club of Son, Netherlands



The Trevi Fountain in Rome, Italy, is illuminated with an End Polio Now message.

Photo by Mattia Salvi

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$350.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 40 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

GUESTS: Erik Molema, Val Bahnman and Irena Shantz

Dates to Diarise:

- March 12, - District 5050 Rotary Leadership Seminar, Mt. Vernon;
- March 26, - Rotary Literary Seminar, Bellingham;
- April 9, - District Assembly, Surrey;
- May 5 – 8 – District Conference, Harrison Hot Springs.

ROTARY'S 105th BIRTHDAY:

Laurie encouraged members of the club to donate to the Rotary Foundation through the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" campaign. If every Rotarian donated something and if the club made a total contribution of at least \$100.00 per member, the club would be in a position to receive a special recognition from RI. The latter requirement has already been achieved, due to Mariella's generous donation of her 50/50 winnings.

Pacific North West PETS – Seattle.

Terry reported back to the club on the PETS conference, which she attended in Seattle, together with 700 other delegates, last weekend.

What is PETS and why does a President-Elect attend?

The RI Manual of procedure describes PETS as a training meeting conducted annually, preferably in March, for club presidents-elect. Its purpose is to prepare incoming club presidents for their year as president and give district governors-elect and incoming assistant governors the opportunity to motivate incoming presidents and build their working relationship. For more information on the conference log onto: <http://www.pnwrotarypets.org>

CLUB ISSUES:

Wine Festival:

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! – EARLY BIRD PRICE \$ 35.00 UNTIL MARCH 10th, THEREAFTER \$40.00.

All members are asked to sell at least 4 tickets.

We have decided not to provide a "ride- home programme", due to possible insurance and liability issues.

As Save-on- Foods is not able to assist this year, we require donations or gift certificates for cheese, crackers, baguettes, grapes, bottled water, pop, napkins, paper towel, disposable plates, cups and cutlery. If anyone has contacts or can assist, please contact Adrienne who is stepping in as Chair while Laura is away.

HOCKEY JERSEYS:

David Riddell reported that Ridge Meadows Hockey Club has approximately 150 hockey jerseys to give away to deserving charities or organisations. Currently Dave Rempel has taken a batch to Russia. Members were asked to look out for possible projects that could use these jerseys.

Submitted by Adrienne Dale



David Riddell and Dave Rempel tried on some used local minor hockey jerseys that the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club plans to ship to Russia.

Photograph by: Maria Rantanen, TIMES

A pile of jerseys used by Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows minor hockey players will soon travel across the globe to be used in Canada's arch-rival hockey country of Russia.

School board trustee Dave Rempel left on Sunday for Russia to see how the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club can best help children in orphanages and young teenaged boys in reform school.

Before he left, David Riddell, who is involved with the Ridge Meadows Minor Hockey Association and is secretary of Meadow Ridge Rotary, told him the association had about 200 jerseys they planned to get rid of, and they were wondering if the club could donate them to aspiring hockey players in Russia.

While the Rotary Club is donating money for things like a tractor, it's also important to offer gym equipment and sports opportunities, Rempel said.

"Those are all necessary for building up young men - in rehabilitating them," he added.

Hockey Canada used to have a program where old jerseys were sent to places like Russia and Chile. But the program was discontinued, meaning the old RMMHA jerseys were bound for the landfill.

Rempel's trip will take him from Vancouver to Beijing to Tashkent to Moscow to Novosibirsk to Vladivostok to Beijing and then back to Vancouver, and he estimates about 43 hours of travelling, not to mention 15 hours of waiting in Beijing at both ends of the trip - "life in the fast lane," he said.

"What you gotta do, when you gotta do it, you got no options," he added.

Wine Festival April 9th



It's only 6 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.