



# The Four Way Flasher

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## March is Literacy Month



**TODAY:** Bonnie Telep - "Rotary Club within a Club"

**NEXT WEEK:** Catriona Sturton - Imagination Library

### Happy Birthday

March 21: Debbie MacRae

### INVOCATION:

<b>March 15</b>	David Riddell	<b>March 22</b>	Gord Robson
<b>March 29</b>	Mary Robson	<b>April 5</b>	Michael Serry

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>April 5</b>		Fireside @ David Riddell's residence	
<b>April 9</b>	<b>7pm – 10pm</b>	Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Centre
<b>May 5 - 8</b>		District Conference	Harrison Hot Springs
<b>May 21 - 25</b>		Rotary International Conference	New Orleans

### *THE PARADOXICAL COMMANDMENTS BY DR. KENT M. KEITH*

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.

*Love them anyway.*

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

*Do good anyway.*

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.

*Succeed anyway.*

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

*Do good anyway.*

The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds.

*Think big anyway.*

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

*Be honest and frank anyway.*

People favour underdogs but follow only top dogs.

*Fight for a few underdogs anyway.*

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.

*Build anyway.*

People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.

*Help people anyway.*

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.

*Give the world the best you have anyway.*

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$418.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 38 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

**Guests:** Erik Molema, Urma Molema, Irena Shantz and Val Bahnman

### **Rotary Moment:**

Mike Davies gave the club some background information on the Rotary International Certificate of Achievement Award. The aim of the award is to recognise a project or activities undertaken by a club which best addresses the needs of the community in that it meets the following criteria:-

1. *Has a significant impact on the local community;*
2. *Involves most or all club members in a personal, not monetary capacity;*
3. *It is in keeping with the size and resources of the club;*
4. *Easily mirrored by other clubs across Canada;*
5. *The project needs to either be complete or sufficiently active by the end of the Rotary year.*

### **Wine Fest News:**

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! Please get your 4 tickets,. at least.

Anyone who may have air miles which they would be willing to donate, please let the committee know, we may be able to put together an auction item with these.

Remember to send the invite e-mailed to you by Robert Campbell, to all your e-mail contacts. It is easy; it has all the details for sales of tickets on line.

### **Guest Speaker: Glen Flett –**

#### ***L.I.N.C. – “Long Term Inmates Now in our Community”.***

Gordon Robson introduced our speaker Glen Flett and gave the club a bit of background to Glen's topic for today. He told the club how he was offered a speaker who would talk on the broad topic of “*Murder, mayhem, salvation and redemption*”, that was Glen Flett.

Glen described himself as a person always being in trouble with the law, even since childhood. This was largely as a result of him always feeling like he did not fit in. In 1980, at age 21, he was sentenced to life in prison for fatally shooting a Hudson's Bay store manager who was caught in the crossfire during a heist in Toronto. This was not his only crime, he had led a life of violent crime his whole life, prior to this. He is adamant that he came from a stable, loving family and had no excuses for the way he had turned out.

In 1982, while serving his sentence in Kent Institution he became a Christian and his life began to change forever. His life sentence was reduced on appeal to 14 years. In 1987 he married his wife, Sherry, who was a volunteer at the William Head Institution. Finally, he was released from prison on bail in 1992.

When he was released, he started a non-profit organization called L.I.N.C. This group is a positive awareness group, entirely



run by long-term and chronic ex-offenders, parolees, volunteers, spouses, friends and family members of ex-offenders living in British Columbia. The aim of the group is to develop a positive understanding and dialog between prison institutions, offenders and the community. The society tries to build awareness of its members and their struggle to break the cycle of incarceration while creating fulfilling, meaningful lives for themselves. This is done through the use of awareness campaigns, literature and community events eg. Annual Clean & Sober Picnic.

The society aims to help it's members contribute to the community and this idea is based on the principle that -“ *The positive contribution of every person can have a meaningful impact on the spirit of justice and on the sense of well-being within the community.*”

Finally he is also involved in a 'Victims of crime' support group and a youth program called E.D.G.E. (Everyone Deserves Growth and Empowerment). For more information on L.I.N.C go to [www.lincsociety.bc.ca](http://www.lincsociety.bc.ca)

### **Community Services Committee donation.**



Terry Becker presented a cheque in the amount of \$2000 to the Ridge Meadows Home Show and specifically for the Funzone Family Fest. Ineke Boekhorst accepted the grant in name of the Ridge Meadows Home Show.

This money will supply funding for a “hands on” Pacific Sport Presentation of Sportfit during the 2011 Ridge Meadows Home Show, April 29, 30 and May 1 at Planet Ice and Maple Ridge Fairgrounds Funds will pay for Activity Equipment, tent rental, floor rental , signage and promotional media coverage to promote the event.

You will find 8 activity stations with the purpose to encourage children and youth to discover different sports, find out which sport fits best(matched individually) and a possibility to try different activities. Our Home Town Sports Heroes posters will be displayed as well as the Rotary Duck Race information; making sure all visitors understand that all Duck Race proceeds will support local kids/youth.

**Submitted by Adrienne Dale**