



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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March is Literacy Month



TODAY: New Members Installation:
Melissa Kramer, Eric and Urma Mollema and Val Bahnman

NEXT WEEK: Fireside @ David Riddell's residence

Happy Birthday

March 30: David Riddell
April 1: Peter Fry

INVOCATION:

March 29	Mary Robson	April 5	Michael Serry
April 12	Alphonse Seward	April 19	Bob Shantz

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
April 5	6pm	Fireside @ David Riddell's residence	12990 – 256 St. Maple Ridge
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

WINE FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We desperately need volunteers for the Wine Festival coming April 9th. If you can help out, please sign up the sheet, which will be going around today. We can use your help with set-up, break-down and 1 shift during the event, so that you still can enjoy the wine tasting and everything else.

Thank you for your support,
The Wine Festival Committee

ROTARY CLUBS HAVE WATER PROJECTS ON TAP



Villages in four regions of Ghana are being equipped with ventilated pit latrines, showers, and boreholes featuring hand pumps and mechanized pipes through the efforts of dozens of Rotary clubs in Latin America, North America, and Ghana.

The effort is part of the [International H2O Collaboration](#), an alliance between Rotary International and USAID. Launched in 2009, it works to implement long-term, sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in the developing world. The first phase of the partnership has focused on three countries: Ghana, the Philippines, and the Dominican Republic.

"With this collaboration, Rotary is taking the commitment to clean water and sanitation to the next level," says RI Vice President Thomas M. Thorfinnson, a member of the RI/USAID Steering Committee. "We're not just focused on simply providing safe drinking water and walking away. We are looking at our ability to partner to make a larger impact in a bigger part of the world through sustainable projects and clean sanitation practices."

Billions of people lack access to safe drinking water and proper sanitation. To draw attention to the need for action, the United Nations has designated 22 March as World Water Day. Each year since 1993, it has selected a different theme. This year focuses on the impact of rapid urban growth and the challenges of urban water management.

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$0.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 52 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests joining us today are, A.G. Darrel Burnham, Eric, Urma, Sonja and Rijk Mollema, Marilynne Durigon, Darien Gaudette, Rebecca Awram, Belinda Tsen, Sandy Kim, Val Bahnman and Mark Forester

Happy and Sad dollars:

Gordy was happy or sad? Mary now has 16 lambs. His condo in Maui has come available for 3 weeks and he'll give us a great rate if someone is able to use it and he announced an International Committee meeting – next week after lunch

Bob shared that MR Hospice Foundation was the recipient of a \$38,000 grant from the Maple Ridge Community Foundation.

Ineke took Ines, our exchange student, to Kelowna and had a lovely time.

Sharon brought her granddaughter to the meeting and is happy to be spending time with her.

Brian gave us the Rotary Moment and reported on World Water Day: 97% of the world's water is ocean or saline. Only 1% is used for human use. Rotary involved in clean/safe water projects.

Lynda gave us her report and advised us on the Cloverdale Club invitation 6:30PM on April 6/11

Haney Club annual Ladies Night in May for anyone wanting to put a table together.

Fireside cost increase from \$20.00 to \$25.00 – but we get so much more.

Wine Fest – Need more tickets sold. Could everyone take 4 to sell? Please see Peter Boekhorst.

Also need auction items and Wine donations are welcome.

Tickets can be sold on line and then picked up at the door at the event.

Guest Speaker:

Catrina Sturton - Regional Director of Imagination Library



The Imagination Library was created by Dolly Parton.

In 1996, Dolly Parton launched an exciting new effort to benefit the children of her home county in east Tennessee. Dolly wanted to foster a love of reading among her county's preschool children and their families. She wanted children to be excited about books and to feel the magic

that books can create. Moreover, she could insure that every child would have books, regardless of their family's financial situation.

So she decided to give a brand new, age appropriate book each month to every child under 5 in Sevier County and mail it directly to their home. With the arrival of every child's first

book, he or she could now experience the joy of finding their very own book in their mail box. These moments continue each month until the child turns 5—and in their very last month in the program they receive a special "graduation" book.

Needless to say the experience has been a smashing success. So much so that many other communities clamoured to provide the Imagination Library to their children. Dolly thought long and hard about it and decided her Foundation should develop a way for other communities to participate. The Foundation asked a blue ribbon panel of experts to select just the right books and secured Penguin Group USA to be the exclusive publisher for the Imagination Library. Moreover a database was built to keep track of the information.

Dolly's vision was that every child would have the opportunity to read. Books would be mailed to the child from birth to 5 years of age each month.

The program is now in 13 hundred communities.

Here's how it works:

A community must make the program accessible to all preschool children in their area. The community pays for the books and mailing, promotes the program, registers the children, and enters the information into the database.

From there The Dollywood Foundation of Canada takes over and manages the system to deliver the books to the home.

Questions:

How does one start the program?

Most successful was to find a partner. IE: United Way or School.



What are the costs?

In BC, some funding has come from The Ministry of Education.

The cost is \$3.60 per child per month, includes shipping / or \$43.00 per year per child.

Who does the administration?

The organization has a data base, which holds the child's name and information. Rotary may want to partner up for administration assistance.

Are there books available in other languages?

Books currently are only printed in English. The foundation is looking at a French version.

First Nations may translate into specific language.

For more information you can visit the Imagination Library website at www.imaginationlibrary.com

Other:

RYLA Youth Leadership Program. For ages 18 – 28.

Patrick auctioned off 2 tickets to Maple Ridge Music Society, which are valued at \$25.00 each. They were auctioned off for \$20.00.

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