



The Four Way Flasher

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April is Magazine Month



TODAY: Surprise

NEXT WEEK: surprise!

Happy Anniversary

April 14: Dave & Sharon Rempel (Belated!)

Happy Birthday

April 18: Anil Bharwani, Ken Knuttila

April 11: Brian Johnston

INVOCATION:

April 19	Bob Shantz
April 26	Peter Tam
May 3	Marco Terwiel
May 10	Walter Volpatti

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 5 - 8		District Conference	Harrison Hot Springs
May 21 - 25		Rotary International Conference	New Orleans
Sun. June 26	6pm	Installation of New Board	Pitt Meadows Golf Club – 13615 Harris Rd.

SHELTERBOX'S WORK CONTINUES THROUGHOUT JAPAN



Shelter, warmth and dignity are being delivered to families throughout the affected areas of Japan. This photo is in Ofunato, Iwate Prefecture, Japan.

Photograph: Mark Pearson

1,500 ShelterBoxes have now been committed to the people of Japan as they begin to rebuild their lives.

This aid is being sent into the country based on official requests being made to ShelterBox from the Japanese authorities.

ShelterBox Response Teams (SRTs) have been working closely with the Japanese authorities and Rotary districts in the Iwate,

It is now three weeks since the 9.0 magnitude earthquake hit Japan, triggering a tsunami that claimed thousands of lives, destroyed hundreds of thousands of homes and wiped out swathes of Japan's northeast coast.

ShelterBox arrived on the ground less than 24 hours after the earthquake struck and more than

Miyagi and Fukushima Prefectures. *ShelterBoxes* are being distributed throughout these Prefectures to families who lost everything in the tsunami.

1,574 ShelterBoxes have now been committed to Japan and thousands more remain on standby should they be required. Alongside this, more than 10,000 of ShelterBox's winter gloves, scarves and hats are being sent to Japan as the freezing conditions continue.

John Diksa added: 'Families have been living in our tents for well over a week now and we're certainly seeing life being rekindled. In the evacuation centres, where we've been helping the families living there, there is a fantastic sense of community with people of all ages helping each other and pulling together.'

The need for shelters to replace the evacuation centres currently in use is becoming greater as many of these centres are schools. The authorities need these schools to be empty in time for the start of the academic year which begins in April.

SRT members from France, USA, Canada, New Zealand and the UK are all currently working in the country.

<http://www.shelterbox.org/news.php?id=639>

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$36.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 50 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

This week we welcomed one guest: Marilynne Durigon of Primercia.

THE WINE FEST IS DONE FOR ANOTHER YEAR!

President Lynda thanked all those who participated or helped with the Wine Fest in any way, and congratulated Laura and her committee for a most successful event.

ROTARY MOMENT:

Laurie told the club how important it was to make contributions to the Rotary Foundation and gave some examples of how small contributions could make a massive difference in the life of those less fortunate than ourselves; e.g. In a country like Nigeria, just \$100.00 can cover the tuition and books for 2 students for a year.

Although the club had met their required contribution to the RI Foundation for the year, he encouraged all those who had not made any contribution to make even the smallest donation to meet the requirements for Every Rotarian Every Year. This requires every individual Rotarian in the club to make some contribution to the Foundation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OUR CLUB'S HAPPY AND SADS

Happy news:

- All the necessary approvals have been received and the Duck Race will now go ahead.
- We have identified a club in District 5000, Hawaii, who is looking for a partner club for a project to assist tsunami and earthquake victims in Japan. We will also be working with a club in Japan to distribute the funds

Sad news:

- We are not able to hand over cheques to successful bursary recipients as they have refused to comply with the requirements of the programme and simply complete a one page essay on Rotary. How sad!!!

District news:

- Terry gave a brief report back on the District Assembly held on April 9th.

GUEST SPEAKER

Jackie Kendziorek - GSE TEAM LEADER

Outbound GSE Team to Brazil – June 2010

Jackie was chosen as the team leader of the GSE team from our district to visit Brazil in June 2010. She joined Rotary in 1992 with a club in California. She has been the District GSE chair for inbound exchanges for the last 3 years and a Rotaplast ambassador for the last 7 years.



Being District 5050, the team of 5 was made up of 2 Canadian and 2 American members and Jackie, the Canadian team leader.

The team members included:

Brett Manyk, a fire fighter in the Vancouver Fire Department, who was sponsored by our club. He entertained his hosts with several guitar performances including singing with his team mate **Christopher Knowles**, an IT Manager for the City of Mission at the District Conference. Christopher's hobbies included hockey coaching and music.

Heather Lewis is the Director of Nursing at St. Francis Hospital. Lastly **Barbara Zbeetnoff** from White Horse is an American sign-language teacher and an interpreter who is also a competitive curling team member.

The team visited 10 cities in and around central Brazil. The county is the 5th largest in the world, divided into 26 states. They covered a distance of some 1280km. The largest of which was Curitiba, a very progressive city and home to 1.5 million people. They gave presentations to a number of clubs in the District, for which they were required to learn Portuguese. They were assisted by a Brazilian couple who attended all of their planning sessions and presentations. All clubs in the district have their own buildings, which have been built by club members. The spouses of the Rotarians cook the meals for meetings, which are all generally held in the evening.

The highlight of the exchange was a visit to a school that was built by the local Rotarians in San Jose Pinhais. APAE is a school for special children. And, what a special place this is for these very special children. They were taken into the classrooms which are separated by the various disabilities of the children. The disabilities include autism, Down's syndrome, and various other neurological disabilities. ALL the staff there is very loving and caring of these children. All Exchange Students have to do volunteer work once a week at the school. APAE works on a shoe string and are hoping to partner with our District for an RI matching grant to buy a school bus to transport these children from home to school every day.

They also visited the local hospital which is the recipient of a matching grant, of which our club was a contributor.



At the closure of her presentation, President Lynda handed over the club's contribution towards the matching grant.

The presentation was colourful and informative and gave members a vivid idea of the exchange. However, they have a fantastic website and a blog which gives much more detail.

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