



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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April is Magazine Month



TODAY: Sandy Blue – Maple Ridge Economic Development Office

NEXT WEEK: Steve di Castri, Lisa Anderson, Pete Coulson - BC Corrections

Happy Anniversary

May 1: John & Terry Becker
May 2: Ken & Gayle Paterson

Happy Birthday

April 28: Peter Boekhorst
April 29: Lindsay Hendy

INVOCATION:

April 26	Peter Tam
May 3	Marco Terwiel
May 10	Walter Volpatti
May 17	Laurie Anderson

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.

MAKE UP MISSED MEETINGS

How to make up a missed meeting

A club member must attend or make up at least 50 percent of regular club meetings in each half of the year (though some clubs may have more stringent requirements). Any missed meetings must be made up within 14 days of a regular meeting. If traveling, club members are encouraged to visit clubs in the new area to make up a missed meeting. Check the *Official Directory* or use the [Club Locator](#) to get meeting and contact information. Be sure to call or e-mail before you show up for a meeting.

What to do when you can't find a meeting

Rotarians often wonder what to do if there's not a club where they travel or if an emergency causes them to miss a meeting.

One option is to attend a regular meeting of a local [Rotaract club](#), [Interact club](#), [Rotary Community Corps](#) or [Rotary Fellowship](#).

Attending one of these meetings counts as a make-up. Another option is to participate in an interactive activity on a [Rotary e-club website](#). Check with your club secretary and the e-club of interest to learn more. Find out more about [e-clubs](#).

This is a partial list of E-Clubs:

- England [Rotary E-Club of London Centenary](#)
- India [Rotary E-Club of District 3150](#)
- Singapore [Rotary E-Club 3310](#)
- Hong Kong [Rotary E-Club of District 3450](#)
- USA [Rotary E-Club of District 5450](#)
- USA [Rotary E-Club of the Southwest, USA](#)
- USA [Rotary E-Club of District 7150 NY 1](#)
- USA [Rotary E-Club of District 7890](#)
- USA [Rotary E-Club of Southeast USA and Caribbean](#)
- USA [Rotary E-Club of District 7210](#)
- South Africa [Rotary E-Club of South Africa D9270](#)

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$70.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 49 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

This week we welcomed as guests: Irene Shantz, Kim Munich, Eva Tam, Robert Hornsey and Eric Wright

Dates to Diarise:

- May 5 – 8 – District Conference, Harrison Hot Springs;
- May 2, 10.30 am Report Back for Wine Fest Committee.

Eric Wright – Previous Exchange Student



Eric Wright, a past Exchange Student of the club, who spent a year in France during 2004-2005, returned to the club to tell members about a project in Kenya, in which he was involved. He has just returned from Kenya where he has been volunteering in a community project for the last 2 months. During this time, he assisted with rewriting the central by-laws and the constitution of an elementary school as well as helping with computer training.

He asked the club to support a fundraiser to be held at the Ranch Pub and Grill which was in aid of a project called "Fees for the Future".

In 2003, the Kenyan government introduced universal free primary education as part of its commitment to achieving the Millennium Development Goals. However, primary schools have begun to charge 'school fees' to make up for budget shortfalls. Where some middle-income families can afford the fees, the poorest and most vulnerable families in the country are effectively locked out of a primary education. The project is aimed at stepping in to ensure the poorest families in the community can access basic education.

Click here for [more information on the project](#)

Eric thanked the club for the opportunity to go on exchange and told the club how the experience had changed his life.



GUEST SPEAKER – Marilyn Horton "PARENTING IN THE CYBER-AGE"

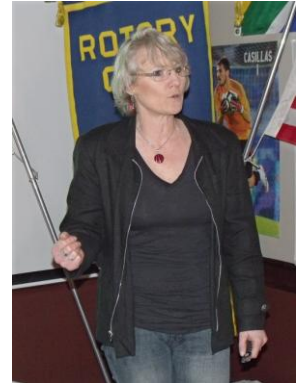
Our guest speaker has been a youth worker in Mission since the 1980's. She has previously been awarded the BC Crime Prevention Award.

She realised that as much as children needed to be protected from the streets in the 1980's, in 2000, they needed to be protected from the internet.

She has started an organization called **SOLOS** "SOLOS – information that Clicks", (*SAFE ON LINE OUTREACH SOC.*) which assists parents in remaining informed and involved about their children's online life, while improving their own online habits in the process.

As parents are from a different era, their children are way more technically advanced than they are, but are not able to make informed decisions about their use of the internet.

One of the key issues which children need to know is that whatever is posted on the internet is PUBLIC AND PERMANENT. Almost everything they post, send or upload to the net becomes public. Whatever they post becomes added to their "digital reputation" that will follow them for the rest of their lives. Once posted data can't be "recovered". The pictures they upload in elementary school will be on line when they apply for their first job and may affect future opportunities.



Another major problem amongst young people is cyber bullying. Often what can't be said directly to one's face is easy to say and send by e-mail. Online communication can also lead to miscommunication and misinterpretation. Children need to learn to interpret and deal with these issues.

These programmes are also taught by other students, that proves to be very effective.

The presentation was most informative and those who missed it, are strongly urged to visit the organisation's website.

www.safeonlineoutreach.com

Upcoming Events

April 29, 2011

Mission Secondary School, Mission BC
Other (Please detail in notes below)

May 9, 2011

Albion Elementary School PAC, Maple Ridge BC
Parenting in a Cyber-Age

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