



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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TODAY: Steve di Castri, Lisa Anderson, Pete Coulson - BC Corrections
NEXT WEEK: Philippe Lamoise - International Projects Website Creator



Happy Anniversary

May 8: Ted & Doris Gagel, Randall & Melissa Kramer
 May 9: Peter & Eva Tam

Happy Birthday

May 9: Walter Volpatti

INVOCATION:

May 3	Marco Terwiel
May 10	Walter Volpatti
May 17	Laurie Anderson
May 24	Liz Attarmigirian

April's Attendance for the Club = 66.48% (Could be better!)

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.

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Show and tell My wife, Judie, was a kindergarten teacher for many years, and she often told stories about her "show and tell" experiences, when each of her students was permitted to bring a favorite item to school, such as a pet or toy, and to tell the other children about it. There was always a sense of wonder as the children learned about their classmate's prized possession.

Rotarians often share that same sense of wonder as they learn about the amazing service projects conducted by other Rotary clubs. In fact, there are so many Rotary service projects performed by our 33,000-plus clubs that it is truly impossible for anyone to track them. Many of them go unknown and unrecognized, except to their sponsor clubs, but the totality of such Rotary projects is clearly making the world a better place.

It is unfortunate that we cannot have a giant "show and tell" event where every club could tell the world what it does. We have grown much too large for us to even share the news of our countless service projects with our other clubs. However, the annual conventions provide an opportunity for several clubs, districts, and multidistrict organizations to display their projects

in an effective way, and this month's RI Convention in New Orleans will feature many outstanding projects in the House of Friendship.

The New Orleans convention will be a wonderful Rotary event, and I encourage all registrants to spend as much time as possible in the House of Friendship to meet new friends from around the world, to see the displays of Rotary projects, and to enjoy some great entertainment on the two stages. It will open on Saturday morning and be open for more hours than usual during the convention. And for those who cannot attend for more than one day, there is a new Saturday-only pass for \$40 per person to sample the House of Friendship!

The convention also will give me a personal "show and tell" opportunity. I can show the base of a pillar, located in the convention center, that supports the giant highway bridge over the Mississippi River. It is the same bridge under which I sailed on a Lykes Line freighter on my way to the University of Cape Town as a Rotary Scholar 50 years ago. And I can, and happily will, tell everyone that it was a Rotary trip that has lasted a lifetime!

Ray Klingensmith - President, Rotary International

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$90.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 48 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

ERIC WRIGHT'S THANK YOU LETTER

Hello all.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you all for your contribution to the project I am working on in Kenya called 'Fees for the Future'. If you are receiving this email you either donated to the project online, attended the fundraiser held at The Ranch in Maple Ridge this past Thursday or generously donated an item that was auctioned off at said fundraiser. Many of you also helped me organize the fundraiser or allowed me to publicize the fundraiser, for which I am truly grateful.

The fundraiser was a real success - we ended up raising around \$700. When this is added to individual donations towards the project, the total is around \$1450. The money has been donated online through the site globalgiving, and the group shall be receiving it shortly.

I encourage all of you to follow the progress of the project on the group's website under the sub-heading 'donor feedback'. The group will be maintaining a live blog detailing the progress of the project. You will find a link to their site as well as the globalgiving project page below. Once again, thank you very much for your support and know that you have made a difference in a young person's life in Kenya.

best,

Eric Wright

<http://www.matungucommunitycharity.wordpress.com>

[Http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/fees-for-future](http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/fees-for-future)



Maple Ridge Town Centre

It all starts with our award winning Area Plan

Enjoy a unique blend of urban style and rural charm

Surrounded by pristine forests, mountains and rivers, Maple Ridge is threaded with 800 km (nearly 500 miles) of walking, hiking, biking, and equestrian trails. Outdoor enthusiasts have a wealth of activities to indulge in, and at the heart of it all is our compact, pedestrian & cycle friendly downtown. Maple Ridge Town Centre is a unique blend of past, present & future where residents and visitors enjoy a true sense of community.

The goal: vibrant, revitalized Town Centre

Under the umbrella of our 'Our Spirit. Our Town', a unique partnership between local government, the Chamber of Commerce & Downtown Business Improvement Association we're focused on revitalizing our Town Centre. We invite you to join us in helping our Town Centre reach its potential — the vibrant and inviting heart of our community.

Green Means Go.

We welcome innovative green ideas! We've won awards for being among the greenest and most sustainable communities in Canada. Our agricultural sector contributes to our economy, health, environmental attributes and quality of life. The *Circle Farm Tour* program demonstrates the viability of Eco and Agri Tourism ventures. We even have a revitalization tax incentive for 'green' buildings in our Town Centre.

Build your dream - and ours - from the ground up.

We have land. Lots of it. The most affordable in Metro Vancouver. And, we have a dynamic, developing Town Centre and an open, welcoming municipal government willing to work with you. Our award winning Town Centre Plan calls for high density mixed use developments. The revitalization has begun with over \$1 Billion in private and \$80 Million in public funds being invested in Maple Ridge in recent years. The sky's the limit — in fact we provide incentives for greater than 5 storeys primarily residential development in our Town Centre!

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- MUSEUM. ART GALLERY & THEATRE CIVIC COMPLEX
- WATERFRONT
- TRANSIT EXCHANGE
- IDEAL FOR OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS

Submitted by Val Bahnman

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Bob Shantz stressed that we need help selling Duck Race tickets. If everyone took and sold a book for 10, then that would be a start. It would really be appreciated. The rule is any member can buy a ticket & win.

Guest Speaker – Sandy Blue, Manager Strategic Economic Initiatives Department of the District of Maple Ridge.

