



# The Four Way Flasher

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**TODAY:** Ineke Boekhorst - Business Improvement Association

**NEXT WEEK:** Rotarian Dan Gallant - Rotary World Help Network

### Happy Anniversary

May 20: Don & Iola Boyce

### Happy Birthday

May 18: Judith Johnston

May 22: Ineke Boekhorst

### INVOCATION:

May 17	Laurie Anderson
May 24	Liz Attarmigirian
May 31	Val Bahnman
June 7	Terry Becker

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

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

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were: Timo Juurakko - MR Fire Department, Devon (Youth Academy recipient 7 years ago), Scott Kyle, Brad Perrie, Rotarian Jack Rae, District 5050 International Chair, Rotarian Sean Hogan, District Governor Elect, and the

Guest Speaker - Rotarian Philippe Lamoise (La Jolla, California)

Terry Becker provided us with an update on the **District Conference** held over the weekend in Harrison Hot Springs. Terry Becker, Peter Davies, Ineke and Peter Boekhorst were in attendance on behalf of our Club.



Terry relayed that she had accepted some awards on behalf of the Club at the Conference. The following awards were presented by Terry to recognize individuals for their service:

**Rookie of the Year** - was awarded to Peter Davies for his involvement in various club activities during his first

year of membership, including the role of "Resident Duck".

Ineke handed out a newsletter from the conference which featured Peter Davies in the duck suit on the front page. Good work Ineke and Peter D(uck) on promoting the event and selling some tickets.



**Governor's Special Service Awards** - was presented to Peter Boekhorst for all his involvement in our various fundraisers, his committee work and the continually great job he does on producing the Flasher.

There was a second candidate for the *Unsung Hero Award* this year. Two names were submitted, however only one could be chosen.

Honourable mention to the other nominee, Jim Coulter for his hard work and commitment to his duties as our Sergeant-of-Arms.

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$150.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 46 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!



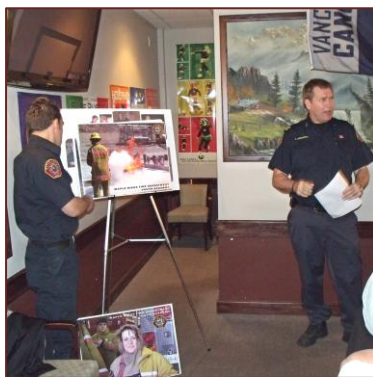
Area D Presidential Citation recipients with DG Wayne Wiebe



The *Presidential Citation* was presented to President Lynda on behalf of the Club by Terry.

**Firefighters Youth Academy Presentation:**

Timo Juurakko discussed the Youth Academy program which included a short presentation on how far the program has come. The Youth Academy started in 1998. To date 99 students have entered the program. 9 have joined the MR/PM Fire Departments. Devon, thanked the Rotary club for a grant of \$1000 presented to him seven years ago and advised us of his progress with regards to his education as an electrician and announced he is on the waiting list to become a Firefighter. It should only be another year.



**Today's Guest Speaker** was introduced by Mary Robson. Rotarian Lamoise flew in from La Jolla, California to speak with our club on the Match Grants website he has developed for Rotary.

He presented a slide show on the Matching Grant process to explain how a \$4,000 donation by our Club can be matched by the Rotary Foundation to provide up to \$14,000 in funding for projects addressing water, sanitation, literacy, health and education.

He has worked for 10 years on a voluntary basis to develop a website where all of the various clubs' projects that require additional funding can be accessed. He currently has about 90 countries included. He demonstrated how his website works which included where to apply, administration, communication, information, photos, testimonials, etc.

He has greatly simplified the application process and hopes to have the website linked directly with Rotary International in the near future so that the applications can be submitted directly online.

He is currently working on an updated version for the pilot Districts. Philippe advised that he is also developing a webinar to help members with the process.

**Questions/Answers:**

Q- If you pledge, do you become a project partner?

A- You can add or remove yourself as a partner. You have to be approved and if after a year you haven't progressed, you will receive an email notice and you then have the option to keep your name on the list or withdraw.

Q- What percentage of projects are funded, and how does "the word" get distributed?

A- Word gets distributed by Philippe doing breakout sessions at different Rotary Clubs.

Q- Is the site for "Matching Grants" only in English.

A- Yes at this time.

Q- Who bears the cost of putting the "Matching Grants" information on the website?

A- Philippe has been working on the website for the last 10 years, and does it in his own time.

An inquiry was made about locating projects needing hands on volunteers. Philippe advised there is no area of his website that deals with the volunteer requirements. Sean Hogan suggested there is a volunteer website through Rotarian Doug Vincent which may be helpful.



**Submitted by Lynda Lawrence**