



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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TODAY: Rotarian Dan Gallant - Rotary World Help Network

NEXT WEEK: Who's Who - Melissa Kramer



Happy Anniversary

May 24: David & Karen Riddell

Happy Birthday

May 29: Jo-Ann Knuttila

INVOCATION:

May 24	Liz Attarmigirian
May 31	Val Bahnman
June 7	Terry Becker
June 14	Brian Bekar

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.

ROTARIANS CELEBRATE OPENING OF THE 2011 RI CONVENTION

By Antoinette Tuscano
Rotary International News -- 22 May 2011

Rotarians celebrated past accomplishments and future friendships during the opening plenary session of the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, on 22 May.

"Let's celebrate Rotary this week while we are here together in this special place," said RI President Ray Klinginsmith.

During the traditional flag ceremony, South Central Rotary Youth Exchange students presented flags from the more than 200 countries and geographical areas in the Rotary world. The group's participation highlighted Rotary's fifth and newest Avenue of Service, New Generations Service.

Attendees were treated to a variety of entertainment features. Internationally renowned opera singer Simon Estes, an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Des Moines, Iowa, performed the



RI President Ray Klinginsmith claps along with singer-songwriter Michael Martin Murphey during the opening plenary session Sunday, 22 May. *Rotary Images/Monika Lozinska-Lee*

national anthem. Rotarians Steve Selvick and Jerry Mills, who wrote the song "Come Join Us," performed with the Youth Exchange students.

Country music star Lucy Dalton received an enthusiastic response for a song she wrote about Rotary's "This Close" public awareness campaign for polio eradication. And singer-songwriter Michael Martin Murphey performed "Cowboy Logic," a song about the common-sense solutions for everything. Klinginsmith has used it as the theme song for his presidency.

Klinginsmith urged Rotarians to use the convention as an opportunity to visit the House of Friendship, meet new people, and learn about service projects from other Rotarians.

"Greet everyone and talk with as many people as you can," he said. "You do not need an introduction to talk with other people here. You are free to converse with anyone and everyone. And regardless of where you are from, you will eventually meet someone who can help you with a project or who knows someone you know."

Klinginsmith also encouraged Rotarians to attend some of the convention's many workshops to learn how to make their clubs bigger, better, and bolder.

"The best days of Rotary are still ahead," he said.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

We welcomed our guests: Irene Shantz, Mike Forrester and Ines – our exchange student.

Guest Speaker: Ineke Boekhorst – DMRBIA – “Ours To Share”

Ineke, as the Executive Director of the Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association gave a presentation to the club on the initiatives and activities of DMRBIA.



The DMRBIA is a non-profit organization representing business and property owners in the heart of Maple Ridge. The membership currently stands at 1000 members. It was formed in 2006 by way of passing a by-law, with a 5 year mandate from 2007 - 2011 to improve the city center into a vibrant place to work, do business, live, shop and play. After a successful survey, it has been recommended that the mandate be extended for a further 5 years to 2016, including expanding the boundaries of the downtown area. The budget for this period would be as much as \$1,017,500.

The work of the DMRBIA is funded by property taxes, business levies, grants, donations, gifts in kind, sponsorships, partnerships and volunteers.

The DMRBIA markets the downtown area on behalf of the business community, by delivering programs, sponsoring events and encouraging new business to the area.

To beautify and revitalize the area, DMRBIA has introduced projects such as Façade Improvement, Sparkle Week, painting of murals, graffiti removal, gateway banners, improvement of lighting and signage.

Social events and festivals include the Caribbean and Lantern Festivals, lunchtime concerts, the Haney Farmer's and Christmas markets in the Memorial Peace Park.

Security initiatives include running a Core Area Control Program, monthly Safety & Security committee meetings with stakeholders. These have been very successful in rooting out crime in the area.

For more information see the DMRBIA website www.DowntownMapleRidge.ca

Submitted by Adrienne Dale



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