



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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TODAY: ?

NEXT WEEK: ?

Happy Birthday

June 12: Sharon Rempel

INVOCATION:

May 31	Val Bahnman
June 14	Brian Bekar
June 21	Anil Bharwani

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sun. June 26	6pm	Installation of New Board	Pitt Meadows Golf Club – 13615 Harris Rd.
Sun. July 31	10am – 3pm	Rotary Duck Race (Race starts at 1pm)	Maple Ridge Park

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When the smoke settles

There was a time when gunpowder smoke was so thick on battlefields that it was difficult to determine the victors until the smoke settled. Evaluating the success of this year in Rotary is similar because we won't learn the final figures until the year has ended. However, there are some achievements that can be reviewed – before the smoke settles!

The major accomplishment has been the creation of a new culture of innovation, which has encouraged both Rotarians and RI staff members to review our policies and procedures at all levels and to determine if they are truly best practices or merely traditional practices. Many changes toward more modern business methods have resulted, and I am encouraged by our progress.

The innovative climate has produced a simplified and streamlined RI Strategic Plan that calls for us to support and strengthen our clubs, focus and increase humanitarian service, and enhance public image and awareness. The first two priorities reaffirm our core values, and the third priority recognizes the need for more public awareness and support in our local communities around the world. The plan has measurable goals,

and it provides an excellent road map for Rotary's future growth and development.

Other improvements have included the new regional Rotary coordinators, whose job is to *help* our district governors to *help* our clubs to become Bigger, Better, and Bolder. The new Presidential Citation program has provided a score sheet for all of our clubs to test themselves against the other clubs in their districts, and the results will be very helpful to both the current and incoming governors – and to RI as well!

We also have given additional attention to our New Generations programs, particularly Rotaract and Rotary Youth Exchange, and we have focused more emphasis on the Reach Out to Africa initiative. We also have shaped a new approach for the training of incoming district governors and more meaningful assignments for past district governors.

All in all, we have made some significant improvements. But the most important question is whether we have paved the way for an even better year next year. Have we done the right things to ensure that the best days of Rotary are still ahead? And we won't know that – until the smoke settles!

Ray Klingensmith
President, Rotary International

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$20.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 51 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

We welcomed as guests Mike Forrester and our exchange student Ines.

INVOCATION:

Terry gave a special word for the invocation, which is worth remembering.

"The paths of our lives are filled with peaks and valleys. When we are on the top of our peaks, we become so self satisfied that we tend to ignore the thing of importance. When we are in a valley, we feel a sense of abandon and again can focus only on what is directly ahead. Remind us, as You do in nature, that above the tree line the mountain-tops are barren and only in the valleys can we find the opportunity for true growth."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

"THE DUCK RACE"

- We have purchased 13,000.00 ducks as promotional items, as our prize racing ducks were "growing legs" when ticket buyers were walking off with them. We also have a duck suit, banners and bibs. About 40% of the tickets have been sold. Get your ticket books from Bob Shantz.
- Terry's Installation Sunday, June 26th at Pitt Meadows Golf Course.

ROTARY MOMENT:

Patrick told the club about a water and sanitation project in which Rotary was involved in Malawi, in Africa. President Lynda suggested that the International Services Committee investigate similar project opportunities in the area, with the same theme, for our club to become involved in.

GUEST SPEAKER: "Who's Who" - Melissa Kramer

Melissa is a particularly fast speaker and the club scribe is a particularly slower-eater- come-writer, so her notes are limited.

What she did manage to catch about Melissa is that she lives in Pitt Meadows, is 39 years of age, studied Political Science at UBC, is married to Randall, has two toddlers and works for Randy Kamp, which is the best job she has every had!

Her political views are conservative, having been a conservative supporter since 1989 and believes in the conservative ideology that you have a duty to make a contribution and in return you will receive value for your actions.

She told the club about how she became involved in Rotary, after being a bar tender at a venue where a Rotary club met every week for their evening meetings for 3 years. She knew nothing about the organization, but the activities, which they talked about at meetings, impressed her.

More importantly Rotarians did hands on projects, rather than just donating money.



Finally, when she had children she realized that it was even more important to become a Rotarian and to teach her children the values of Rotary. Even if your children won't listen to you, "just because you are mom", they will follow the examples of good Rotarians!!

Submitted by Adrienne Dale

A TRIP TO THE USA



Last Thursday Ineke and Peter took Ines on a trip to the States, together with Peter's sister from Australia.

First we went to Lynden to indulge Ines in some Dutch culture.

Then to Seattle to visit the Space Needle and the Pike Market.

← Does this count for a make-up?

JUNE 4, PITT MEADOWS DAY PARADE

Last Saturday was Pitt Meadows Day and our Duck was present in the parade to remind everybody of the upcoming Rotary Duck Race on July 31, 2011.

