

# The Four Way Flasher

### **Meadow Ridge Rotary Club**

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**TODAY:** Presentation of the Sports Banquet funding \$100,000+

**NEXT WEEK:** Final Business Meeting of the year.



June 14, 2011

#### **Happy Anniversary**

June 15: Michael & Cindy Serry
June 17: Peter & Lise Jinnah

#### **Happy Birthday**

June 14: Bob Shantz

#### INVOCATION:

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

#### HELP THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE



Clorinda Palomina, 8, drinks from an outdoor sink in the village of Santa Rosa de Huacaria, Peru, built with the help of a District Simplified Grant. The Rotary Club of Vernon, California, USA, used grant funds to provide construction materials.

**D**uring a trip to Niger on a Rotary Foundation grant, Ernie and Sally Montagne of Arizona, USA, saw

firsthand how the Foundation's humanitarian efforts are helping to break the cycle of hunger and poverty.

"The Rotary Foundation is our vehicle of choice to enable ordinary Rotarians to make a lasting difference in the lives of thousands of villagers in Africa," says Ernie.

Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs, including those that helped support efforts in Niger. These programs cover more than 160 countries and geographical areas on seven continents.

Here is a small sample of projects made possible through EREY:

- In the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch, Rotary clubs helped create Nueva Esperanza, (New Hope), a sustainable community in Honduras for poor families devastated by the storm. Using a Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grant, Rotary clubs in Honduras and California, USA, provided books, computers, and medical equipment for Nueva Esperanza, helping families put their lives back together.
- With the help of a Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grant, the Rotary Club of West Jacksonville, Florida, USA, built a baseball field designed for local children with disabilities. The unique turf allows players using wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches to easily maneuver across the field with the help of an on-field "buddy" -- a volunteer, parent, or friend. (See this story in a clip from RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine, volume 4, issue 1.)
- A 3-H grant sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Calcutta Metropolitan, West Bengal, India, and Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, helped establish a half-mile concrete walkway in Nabapally, India, that serves as an escape route for villagers during annual monsoons.

#### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

We welcomed as guests Mark Forster, Ines – our exchange student, Ana – our Mexican exchange student from 4 years ago, Angelique Boekhorst (Peter's sister from Australia) and Irena Shantz.

Ana was a bit taken back by a request to tell the Club how she's doing. In short she is looking for a career in Fashion Design.



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

- Bob Shantz updated the club on sales so far. We have 4831 tickets out for sale.
- Volunteers are required to sell tickets at the Coquitlam Centre Kiosk on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Terry's Installation will be Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Pitt Meadows Golf Course.
- Anyone who would like to entertain our former exchange student Ana, please contact Bob Shantz or Doris Gagel.

#### GUEST SPEAKER: JACK RAE - "Rotary - Help for Haiti Society".



Jack is a regular visitor to our club and currently a member of the White Rock Rotary Club. He is actively involved in several District 5050 International community service projects.

His topic today was the "Rotary's Help for Haiti Society".

The Rotary District 5050 Consortium was founded in 2004, by Rotarians from the Semiahmoo, White Rock and Millennium Rotary Clubs. Two other clubs joined in later years,

being the Rotary Clubs of Cloverdale and Surrey.

The society became actively involved in an area called Jeremie in Haiti. Access to town is by boat or seaplane only.

After the earthquake people migrated from Port Au Prince, which was very badly damaged, to other areas surrounding the capital, one of which was Jeremie. With the influx of people after the quake, the needs and pressures on the community for limited resources became even more dire. This was further hampered by a massive outbreak of Cholera.

One of the milestone projects of the Society was completed in March 2010 at the local elementary school. The school with 400

children, which had been in operation since 1965, had no latrine for the pupils. The original latrine constructed with the building collapsed, leaving the school without a regular latrine. The local school board was not able to fund the reconstruction of the latrine, as the soils and other conditions required a more elaborate construction, plus a roof to prevent excessive rain into the latrine. This construction cost in the region of \$5,600 USD. With the assistance of the society this project was completed early last year.

Since the quake there has been a dramatic increase in the pupils at the school. The school now has a daily attendance of 700 pupils, nearly a 100% increase since December 2009.

Another project was the development of the AKA Mill in the village of Bwadom, which reduces corn to a fine powder used in the production of a nutritious meal, given to children in schools to improve their mental and physical functioning.

Other projects include a Water Distribution Project in the village of Roseaux and extensive food distribution to women and children.

For more information visit the website www.helpforhaitionline.org

**Submitted by Adrienne Dale** 

#### **News Flash**

## Dozens treated for cholera in small town in Haiti's southwest after storm

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - The summer storm that killed at least 28 people in Haiti apparently is also bringing a surge of cholera to at least in one small town.

Alain Legarnec of the French aid group Doctors of the World says a clinic in Jeremie treated 77 people for cholera in recent days. He said Friday that is a five-fold increase from last week and is most likely caused by rising river levels. Cholera is a bacteria transmitted by water.

The storm flooded towns and destroyed houses throughout the capital and southern Haiti. An estimated 7 inches of rain fell over a week. Six people have been reported missing.

Cholera has sickened more than 330,000 people and killed nearly 5,400 people since the Haiti outbreak began in October.