



# The Four Way Flasher

**Meadow Ridge Rotary Club**

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**TODAY:** Jane Newlands, BC Hydro - Ruskin Dam Upgrades

**NEXT WEEK:** Val Patenaude - Maple Ridge Museum

### Happy Anniversary

July 1: Lindsay & Janet Hendy

### Happy Birthday

July 3: Janis Paskar      July 10: Eric Mollema



### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sun. July 31	10am – 3pm	Rotary Duck Race (Race starts at 1pm)	Maple Ridge Park
Aug. 9		DG Jane Helten's Official Visit	

### WELCOME TO A NEW ROTARY YEAR

First of all a recap of the just ended Rotary Year 2010-2011 under Presidency of Lynda Lawrence.

We started the year with a big list of Goals and Objectives and as we went through the year we were able to cross more and more from the list. Following are some of the activities; thanks to all our actively participating members, it was a very successful and productive Rotary Year.

- Community Projects: assisted Friends in Need Foodbank with collection of food and cash at Santa Parade and Christmas Train, provided volunteers for the Fraser Health Booster Fair.
- International Projects: Guatemala Mobile Library (book in appreciation of each guest speaker donated) Russian Project, Container Project, Philippe Lamoise Presentation
- Very special mention: Soccer Ball project for polio plus collected a total of \$122,000; an initiative of Patrick O'Brien, with all of District 5050 participating (thanks to Patrick)
- Rotary Foundation: We achieved the prestigious EREY status, every club member donated towards the RF, only 33 Canadian clubs reached this status! (thanks to Laurie Anderson)
- Our average monthly attendance: 64%
- Vocational Project: More than 800 local elementary school students have been introduced to the Rotary Four Way Test

Program, focus is on grade 6, 7, and 6/7. Students are divided in discussion groups guided by attending Rotarians and we discuss how the Rotary Four Way Test could assist them in making better decisions in moral dilemmas. At session completion, students receive a wristband identifying: Truth - Fair - Nice - Win-Win. 23 Rotary members ( representing both Clubs), participate in this program (thanks to Matt DeBruyn)

- Wine Festival: another great event with a total of 295 attendees this year. Great member participation keeps this event successful and fun every year (thanks to Laura Cherrille)
- New face and format of our excellent weekly Newsletter, which is now emailed to all members, to be more "environmentally responsible" (thanks to Peter Boekhorst)
- This was a year to remember for the quality and variety of programs/speakers at our weekly lunch-meetings (thanks to Gord Robson)
- Attempted to raise the public awareness & image in the Community, by featuring every second month a "Rotary Page" in our local "MR/PM News" newspaper (thanks to Marco Terwiel). Additionally members submitted several news releases regarding cheque presentations, events etc + organizing a Wine & Cheese – Grant and Award Ceremony at the ACT in partnership with the Haney Club. Our website was successfully updated (thanks to Robert Campbell)

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$99.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 49 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

- At Club level a weekly “Rotary Moment” was presented, by a different member each week.
- Total of 3 Fireside Meetings were conducted: (October @ Terry, January @ Marco, April @ David R.), a social fellowship gathering at one of our club member’s home.
- New Generations: sponsored one RYLA and three YAIL participants. Committee is in the planning stage of grade 8/9 one day program, based on RYLA/YAIL principles.
- We showed good participation at the District level (assembly, foundation dinner, conference)
- Sadly we lost a dedicated and longtime member, Vlad Cukor; we will never forget him.
- Our Club’s outbound exchange student, Cassandra, went to France and our inbound student Ines came from Spain.
- Club Service organized several social activities throughout the year, Family BBQ, horse-back riding, Club Christmas Party, Wine & Cheese at the ACT.
- November 2010: moved our meeting location to the Bella Vita; enjoying the change.
- Membership Committee organized a membership development lunch with great success! Some new members were a direct result of this meeting (thanks to Brian Bekar). Installation of several new members, also lost some, net loss 3 members, yearend count: 46 members.
- A new major fundraising event has been introduced, raising funds for kidsport. Looking forward to our first annual Rotary Duck Race on July 31<sup>st</sup> (thanks to Gord Robson)

**Past President’s Remarks:**

It has been a great year with many successes, and I am thankful for the wonderful opportunity to have served as Club President. The success we've attained over the year is due to the commitment of the many Rotarians in our Club who want to make the world a better place for all.

I would like to thank our Executive Board for their support and their dedication to the Club. Without the Board and our dedicated Club Members our successes would not be possible.

Thank you for the opportunity and the honour of being chosen as the Club President for 2010-2011.

**Lynda J. Lawrence**

**INSTALLATION OF NEW EXECUTIVE – JUNE 26, 2011**

We welcomed the new District Governor Jane Helten and new ADG Gary Wiggins, who conducted the installation of the Executive for 2011-2012.



And the Executive now consists of:

- President: Terry Becker
- President Elect: Lindsay Hendy
- Vice President: Adrienne Dale
- Past President: Lynda Lawrence
- Secretary: David Riddell
- Treasurer: Walter Volpatti

- Rotary Foundation: Laurie Anderson
- Community Service: Mike Davies
- Club Service: Mariella Ignatieff
- International Service: Melissa Kramer
- Vocational Service: Matt DeBruyn
- New Generation: Mary Robson

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of rewards

**Distinguished Service Citation to**

Robert Shantz for helping to launch the 1st Annual Duck Race.

**Certificates of Appreciation to**

- Brian Johnston for helping to launch the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual rotary Duck Race.
- Jim Coulter for his dedication as our Sgt. at Arms.
- Laura Cherille for her leadership of the Wine Fest committee, ensuring another successful event.
- Mariella Ignatieff for her contribution to our many Fundraisers.
- Robert Campbell for ensuring the success of this year's WineFest Event.
- Doris Gagel for the Student Exchange Program.
- Laurence Anderson for getting 100% of the membership to donate to the EREY program, and his commitment to the Rotary Foundation.
- Brian Bekar for helping to launch the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Rotary Duck Race.
- Ken Paterson for obtaining our Gaming License for our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Rotary Duck Race.
- Matt DeBruyn for managing the Volunteers for our various Events.

**Polio Plus Award** to Patrick O’Brien

**The 4 Way Test Award** for Walter Volpatti

**Service Above Self** for Adrienne Dale

**Rotarian of the Year** to Peter Boekhorst

**Outstanding New Member** to Peter Davies

**President's Citation** to Ineke Boekhorst

Our first **New Member** for this year, Mark Forster, was installed by DG Jane Helten.

Welcome to the Club, Mark.

Last, but not at all the least, was the presentation of a **Paul Harris Fellowship** to

- Peter Davies for his initiative in getting new Volunteer aprons, and for his impersonation of our Master Quacker
- Marco Terwiel for his support to new members.

There are many pictures from this event: 148, too many to print here.

You can see them and download them on our website



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