



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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TODAY: Val Patenaude - Maple Ridge Museum
NEXT WEEK: Robert Campbell – Introduction to our website

Happy Anniversary

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

Happy Birthday

July 12: Sharon Rempel

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. 6	1pm – 6pm	3 rd Annual Meadow Ridge Rotary "Ride & BBQ"	
Aug. 9		DG Jane Helten's Official Visit	

OUR NEW RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary!

All of us in Rotary are looking to change the world – why else would we be Rotarians? We believe that our world can be happier, healthier, and more peaceful, and that we can create that better world through our service.

In 2011-12, I will ask Rotarians to *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*. I will ask you to search first within yourselves, to understand that all of us, everywhere, have the same dreams, the same hopes, the same aspirations, and similar dilemmas. When we understand, and truly feel, that others' needs are the same as our own, we begin to understand how important our work is. In the year ahead, we will have three emphases in our Rotary service.

Our first emphasis in this Rotary year will be the family. The family and the home are at the core of all our work – all our service begins here. And through the family, we approach all of our community and indeed, all of humanity, as an extended family, in which all members care for each other. In times of joy and in times of need, no one is ever alone.

Our second emphasis will be continuity – finding the things we do well and taking them to the next level. We must build on our successes, expand on them, and strive to do even more. Of course, our greatest obligation is to PolioPlus, where success is now so close.

And our third emphasis will be change. We must understand that true change can only begin with each of us, and start within us. We cannot share peace with others if we do not have it to give. We cannot look after the whole world without first looking after those closest to us: our families, our clubs, and our communities.

Mohandas K. Gandhi said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." In Rotary, we endeavor to live ethically and honestly, to share friendship and fellowship, to see equal worth in every human being. We are not interested in the lowest common denominator, for Rotary is anything but common. Instead, we work to elevate ourselves, elevate others, and thereby embrace the world.

Together, we will *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*. And in peace, harmony, and friendship, we will bring change – and a more joyful world.

Kalyan Banerjee
President, Rotary International

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Dear Fellow District 5050 Rotarians,
RI President Kalyan Banerjee searched for a theme that would emphasize his vision of care for all mankind. He found it with: "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity". He asked us to look within ourselves to understand that all humanity has similar dreams, hopes, aspirations, and problems.

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$154.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 47 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

During the 2011-2012 Rotary year, we have three emphases in our Rotary service: to strengthen our families, to continue what we do best and to change what needs to be changed.

Our families are the highest priority. Family first, then we can reach out to the community and the world.

As I look at our District, I am filled with pride at our accomplishments: the community projects, the incredible work with international projects and our dedication to our youth through RYLA, YAIL, RYE, Interact and Rotoract. All this is possible through the dedication of individual Rotarians and the cohesiveness of their Rotary clubs. We will continue to do what we do best in these areas.

We are challenged with declining membership and retention. Membership is of utmost importance. District and club leadership should continue to find new and innovative ways to attract and grow membership. Our new generations offer us a wealth and depth of leadership, but we must change the way we attract and keep them.

The second challenge is in the area of Foundation. This year every member of every club is asked to make a donation to the Annual Programs Fund. Club leadership should look within for ideas to accomplish this goal.

Your club presidents and boards have set ambitious goals for both membership growth and Foundation contributions. As we go through this year, please keep working diligently to achieve success in these areas.

This year we have an added incentive from RI President Kalyan Banerjee, which covers each Avenue of Service. The roadmap for this is the Changemaker Award. It is my hope that District 5050 will have at least one club winning that award and representing us at the RI Convention in Bangkok in May of 2012. It would reflect our ongoing initiatives to improve literacy, to provide clean water and to ease hunger and poverty in the world.

The Presidential Citation and the Change Maker award outlines the many ways clubs have a guarantee of a successful year. I have asked the Club President's to follow these guidelines and share them with their club members in order to achieve them.

Jane Helten - DG, District 5050

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our new (or old?) Sgt At Arms Jim Coulter introduced our guests: Ted Gagel, Ines our Exchange Student, her sister and her parents.

Ines' father thanked the Club for the incredible year his daughter had in Canada. He expressed the importance of the Student Exchange Program: that it creates understanding and goodwill between people from different countries or different cultures.

Past President Lynda and Incoming Exchange Student Counsellor Doris presented Ines with a pin, making her an Honorary Guest of our Club.

Ines and her family would return to Spain the next day.



Happy & Sad Dollars:

- Lawrence Anderson - Happy to have attended Dave Rempel's Russian Adoption dinner; Sad to have worn mismatched sandals that was noticed at the dinner.
- Robert Cambell - Happy to have been at the Russian Adoption dinner also, and that over 200 kids have been helped and over \$500,000 of assistance generated for Russian adoptions; Also happy that his friend was able to borrow drums purchased in 1964 for the same dinner (part of entertainment).
- Terry Becker - Happy to be at her first meeting as President of the club - There was general applause for this.
- Gordon Robson - Happy / Sad? that while at the Minister of Health dinner his daughter Kira went into labour (false as it turns out) and she is now comfortably at the hospital (Royal Columbian I think) until the baby, which is healthy, shows up; Also happy that 8,200 ducks are out the door, but challenge is still on.
- Lynda Lawrence - Happy for obvious reasons (that her term as president is completed I would think).
- Ineke Boekhorst - Happy that she had a good Canada Day first in Maple Ridge and then a fantastic Canada Day balance in Kelowna (West Bank) with Anna (our exchange student in); She also was happy that the upcoming Carribean Festival is great and is a free event for all.
- Dave Rempel - Happy to have had his 20th anniversary for Russian Adoptions dinner, and that Robert's band was fantastic. Also commented that for the Duck Race event, he will be setting up a bird display for the kids including ducks, peacocks etc.
- Marco Terwiel - Happy that he went on a Canadian warship HMCS *Algonquin* with Ana during training exercises, and they saw unbelievable demonstrations of it's capabilities.
- Peter Tam - Happy to be passing out Youth Skills pamphlets to our Rotarians and he has a \$2,000 grant to help our local youth get work experience. The hiring of these youth is for a minimum of 30 hours per month for 3 months. He is participating in a Job Fair on July 21, 2011, which is detailed in the pamphlets.
- Brian Bekar - Happy that anyone in Rotary that sells Ducks in Brian's name will receive a 10% discount coupon for Marks.

Fine Master was Maureen Goodrick, and she fined every Rotarian who had not yet sold 3 books of Duck tickets, or for not being at the installation dinner, and lastly for not wearing their name badge at the meeting.

Gordon Robson introduced Guest Speakers Boyd Mason and Jane Newlands, who would speak on the BC Hydro's proposed upgrading of the Ruskin Dam.

Submitted by Lindsay Hendy

During the 11th Maple Ridge Caribbean Festival Rotarians were selling once again ducks for the upcoming Rotary Duck Race on July 31.

