



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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TODAY: Robert Campbell – Introduction to our website

NEXT WEEK: Who's Who ?

Happy Birthday

July 19: Don Boyce

Invocation

July 19: Lyndy Buyze-Kerr **July 26:** Robert Campbell

Aug. 02: Laura Cherrille **Aug. 09:** Jim Coulter

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	
Aug. 19	11am	Golfun at the Homestead Golf & Country Club	Lynden, WA

WHY THE ROTARY YEAR BEGINS 1 JULY

By Susan Hanf and Jason Lamb Rotary International News -- 8 July 2011

Ever wonder why the Rotary year begins 1 July? The International Convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.



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The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even *The Rotarian* changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with vol. 5, July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913.

An article in *The Rotarian* that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.

For more information:

- See [Rotary History and Archives](#)
- Read more [Historic Moments](#)

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Jim Coulter announced that we had no visitors, a rarity.

Our mystery greeter was Brian Bekar and he did well in collecting from those who did not shake his hand.

Happy/sad bucks:

Ineke Boekhorst was very happy with the Caribbean Festival week end. Lots of visitors!

Brian Johnston shared her happiness all the more so since we sold over 40 books of Duck Race tickets at the Festival.

Matt was happy that Mary was going to join the horse back ride, but only after 3 glasses of wine. Also that Mark Forster had joined his Vocational Committee.

Gordy was very happy with the way the Duck Race is shaping up.

Mary was happy with the arrival of a baby boy in the family, compliments of Kira, who could not wait.

Mark Forster was happy to have joined the Club, with the exception that he no longer was immune from being fined.

No sad bucks at all.

Lindsay delivered the Rotary moment and told us all about "Rotary World Help Network" a great organization.

There was more than one fine master and the end result that only one fine was levied.

Golfun: It looks like there is at least one foursome and the club will pay half the fees.

Ride & BBQ: The format of the horseback ride has been changed. It is going to be in Maple Ridge instead of in Mission near the end of the world and it is going to be cheaper (\$50) and a longer ride is offered, followed by a barbecue. Keep Aug 6 free for this.

Our president wants to be notified about all committee meetings and will attempt to attend as many as she can.

The next Executive is on July 20 at noon at the Maple Ridge Chamber of Commerce office.

Gord Robson introduced our speaker Val Patenaude, Maple Ridge Museum's Director.

Val began by telling the club a bit about the community museum and how it differs from other regular museums.

A community museum aims to record the history and archives of the people, places and things of both years gone by those current in a community. Keeping the memories, materials and artefacts of the community help to remember our unsung heroes. This includes amongst those in sport, politics, recreational, community and charity projects etc.

The museum is always under pressure to collect special and interesting artefacts, before they are dumped when nobody has



a use for them. Artefacts help to tell the stories of a community when the people are no longer alive to do so.

Some of the challenges faced by the museum include lack of funding, insufficient staff and more importantly storage. The museum is basically funded by the Municipality and a very unreliable Gaming Grant. They also rely on donations of archives and doing some fundraising e.g. Haney Warf concerts in the summer.

In order to overcome the storage problems they have tried to use the museum's website and other social media options. As the website can not accommodate all the data, the public has access to photographs via [flickr](#).

A very interactive Facebook page is also operational. Visit: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Maple-Ridge-Museum-Archives/106860626035721>

The museum takes material to the community by putting on displays and presentations to the public, schools etc. e.g. Haney Farmer's Market.

Schools, sporting groups and those involved in politics are particularly bad at retaining archives, minute books etc. Therefore the museum staff is proactive in offering to collect, sort and retain archives.

Visit their website at www.mapleridgemuseum.org



Submitted by Terry Becker, Adrienne Dale and Marco Terwiel

POLIO WAKE-UP ACROSS THE CONTINENT

McFadyen, Tiffany

Welcome to a new Rotary year! We are inviting you to take a leadership role in the Polio Awareness Initiative that got its start at the San Diego Institute with our Canadian and American District Governors.



All clubs are invited to participate in this special initiative. The primary objective is to bring to the forefront the fact that Polio still exists and we are leading the charge in eradicating Polio.

The event will begin on World Polio Day, Monday October 24th, 2011 and continue through the entire week. During the week, Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Clubs in Canada and the USA can do something/anything to raise awareness for Polio; like a walk, run, etc! The level of organization can differ from club to club, district to district. Some may just encourage their members to get out for a walk on their own!

Each club is encouraged to participate in their own way and will be given the opportunity to brag about their events on Facebook. Come join the group, share your ideas and post your images by [clicking here!](#)