



# The Four Way Flasher

**Meadow Ridge Rotary Club**

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## SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH



**TODAY:** Kim Day - Ridge Meadows Recycling  
**NEXT WEEK:** Robert Campbell – Meadow Ridge Rotary Website Training

### Happy Birthday

Sep. 17: Adrienne Dale  
 Sep. 14: Rustam Yazdgerdian

### Invocation

**Sep. 13:** Mark Forster      **Sep. 20:** Doris Gagel  
**Oct. 04:** Maureen Goodrick      **Oct. 11:** Lindsay Hendy

**Sep. 27: No regular meeting,  
 because of Awards Ceremony on the next Wednesday!**

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sep. 28	Wedn: 6pm – 7:30pm	Awards Ceremony	The ACT
Oct. 26		Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Club

### DRAGON BOAT TRIP ON THE ALOUETTE RIVER



This Sunday several Rotarians and Friends of Rotary had a Dragon Boat Trip on the Alouette River and part way up the Pitt River.

Helen Ferris (she did the decorations of many of the Wine Festivals) had purchased tickets from the Pitt Meadows Paddling Club at a Silent Auction. She then sold tickets for the trip with 100% of the proceeding going towards the Friends in Need Food bank.

It was excellent weather for this

type of event, and we all enjoyed it very much. It showed us parts of Pitt Meadows from the water side, which we hadn't seen before.



**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$408.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 38 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

Editor's note: Because I didn't have a report from last week's meeting, and I couldn't attend, I took an article from Rotary International's website about New Generations, as that was last week's subject.

## NEW GENERATIONS: GET INVOLVED

### Keep young participants on track

*How one district linked RYLA, Youth Exchange, Interact, and Rotaract to build connections*

Rotary's four programs for youth and young adults are often discussed separately, but building connections between them can encourage young people to stay involved in Rotary, and strengthen all New Generations activities.

For example, club and district leaders can introduce Interactors to the Rotary Youth Exchange program, or invite Rotaractors to volunteer at Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) events. Alumni from one group can often be a source of membership for the next, such as when a secondary school Interactor becomes a college student Rotaractor.

"We often refer alumni or recent graduates to the next relevant program," says Joanna Kwong, a past Rotaract representative from District 5160 (California, USA). "Interactors pool from RYLA and Youth Exchange, and Rotaractors seek membership from former Interactors."

Jim Cambier, of the Rotary Club of Danville, California, says that because District 5160 promotes Youth Exchange within its Interact clubs, most of the district's Youth Exchange students are also Interact alumni.

Establishing a mentorship program is another way to bridge the gap between one New Generations group and another.

"In our district, a university-based Rotaract club can do a summer mentorship for incoming freshmen who are Interact alumni," Kwong says.

"We connect them with a Rotaractor." These connections can often lead to invitations to Rotaract club meetings, she says. Similarly, Youth Exchange alumni make great meeting speakers or mentors for Interact and Rotaract clubs.

"It's important to recapture people who fall through the holes, such as an Interactor who graduates from high school, moves away to college, and has trouble finding a Rotaract club," says Kwong.

To make such transitions seamless, Cambier and Kwong are working to set up a district alumni database to keep track of Rotaractors and Interactors who move after graduation. This is the first step in connecting alumni with a New Generations group, either within District 5160 or in another area, Cambier says.

"Whether it's Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, or Youth Exchange, it's important to let everyone know that these programs all flow together," Cambier says. "When they see the whole connection, they can understand just how multifaceted New Generations Service is."



## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

**Tiffany McFadyen** Sep 06, 2011



This year on September 21st, 2011 is International Day of Peace. We are Rotarians are being encouraged to support this special day.

Bill Ratliff of the Rotary Club of Birmingham, an Arch C. Klumph Society member and last year's recipient of our Rotary Foundation District Service Award for outstanding service in promoting The Rotary Foundation and its goal of world understanding and peace as well as Polio Plus, has asked that we as individual clubs, and the district as a whole, support the International Day of Peace on September 21st of each year. We are working to make this an international project for clubs and districts all around the world.

Your clubs can each choose how to recognize the International Day of Peace. Simple ways to observe this day are to have a moment of silence, sing a song of peace, or have a special speaker.

For more ideas you can go to [internationaldayofpeace.org](http://internationaldayofpeace.org) to see just a few examples of what is being done around the world. There is no expense to the club or the district to observe the International Day of Peace.

For the benefit of all mankind I am hoping you will join us in contacting your clubs to ask if they will follow our suggestion to recognize and publicize the International Day of Peace. It has been celebrated and is increasingly celebrated all over the world and may possibly help reduce violence and even to avoid another catastrophic war.

This is simply my suggestion for whatever leadership you wish to provide, as I have, in recognizing the International Day of Peace. Good luck.