



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH



TODAY: Ed Villiers - A Bit of History

NEXT WEEK: Denis Boyd & Sean Hogan - Rotary Leadership Institute

Happy Anniversary

Oct. 10: Ken & Jo-Ann Knuttila

Happy Birthday

Oct. 10: Warren Dale

Invocation

Oct. 04: Lindsay Hendy **Oct. 11:** Brian Johnston

Oct. 18: Ken Knuttila **Nov. 01:** Melissa Kramer

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Oct. 18	noon	DG Jane Helton - District Governor's Official Visit	
Oct. 25		NO REGULAR MEETING!	
Oct. 26 (Wed)	6pm	Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
Nov. 1	6pm	Fireside – Adrienne Dale's home	10295 248th St. Maple Ridge
Dec. 13	noon	AGM & election of Officers for 2012/13	

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

In the pages of this month's magazine, you will be introduced to the marvelous city of Bangkok, Thailand, which will play host to our 2012 Rotary International Convention. Please consider this my personal invitation to join me, my family, and our fellow Rotarians at what promises to be an incredible event in one of the world's most fascinating locations.

Thailand is a spectacular destination, truly the Land of a Thousand Smiles. I would particularly urge Rotarians who have never visited Thailand before to consider this as your chance. You'll be surrounded by gracious Rotarian hosts and friends, old and new, from around the world. Bangkok is a fantastic gateway for those wishing to explore Southeast Asia, and a wonderful experience on its own. For those who hail from countries closer by, take the opportunity to visit a major cultural capital, with all it has to offer – including shopping, dining, and sightseeing. Indeed, Bangkok will give you a wonderful value for your time and money.

But the very best reason to visit Bangkok, of course, will be the 2012 RI Convention itself, 6-9 May – the highlight of the Rotary calendar.

All through the year, we reach out to Rotary communities around the globe. At the convention, we have the chance to see all those communities represented in one place – to hear all the languages, see all the people, and learn about all the projects of the past year. Nothing brings home the internationality of Rotary like a Rotary convention – and nothing else has the same power to inspire.

I firmly believe that every Rotary event should be a family event, and this is why Binota and I plan to bring our children and our grandchildren. Why not do the same, and make the Rotary convention part of your family's vacation next year? With so many wonderful events and activities to choose from, there is something for everyone, and plenty of opportunity to draw our families closer to our Rotary service.

Every year, I go to the convention excited to see old friends and make new ones, to celebrate our successes and learn from our experiences. And every year, I leave with a sense of pride in Rotary, eager to begin another year of service.

Bangkok promises to be the best convention yet. I urge you to register now at www.rotary.org/convention, and to begin planning your trip to our 103rd international convention!

Kalyan Banerjee
President, Rotary International

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$448.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 36 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

AWARDS CEREMONY AT THE ACT

Rotary Clubs of Meadow Ridge & Haney donate over \$223,157 in 2011

Rotarians and many volunteers attended a celebratory Wine & Cheese at The Act in Maple Ridge last evening. They gathered to recognize the good work of local Rotarians and the groups that benefit from the Rotary clubs fundraising efforts to build a better community.

Representatives from community groups such as Spirit of Wood, Caribbean Festival, Pitt Meadows Christmas in the City and many more along with Associations such as Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation, Christmas Haven, Salvation Army and Country Fest were all on hand to be recognized for their work in the community. Donations of cash towards musical instruments at Webster's Corner, Golden Ears and Eric Langton School were also handed out.



Back row l to r:

Lindy Sisson - Arts Angels Program (ACT), Gerry Pinel - GETI Fest, Ineke Boekhorst - Caribbean Festival, George Coghlan - PM Day Society, Diane Enns - MR Christmas Festival and Santa Parade, Michael Hayes - PM Christmas in the City, Darrell Pilgrim - Salvation Army, Annika Polegato - RM Hospital Foundation, Lorraine Bates - Country Fest, Ken Clement - MR Canada Day Committee

Middle Row l to r:

Betty Levens - Terry Fox Run, Dr. Stefanie Jeanneret - North Fraser Therapeutic Riding Assoc., Joanne Leginus - Meals on Wheels, Sammy Nelligan - Festival of Light

Front Row l to r:

Kathy Quale - Christmas Haven, Scott Charlton - President of Haney Rotary Club, Terry Becker - President of Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

Following is a list of organizations our Club contributed to in the Rotary Year 2010/2011

Adstock	\$500
Art Angels Program	\$3000
Bursaries awarded \$14,000, but actually paid to date	\$6,500
Canada Day	\$500
Christmas Haven	\$500
Country Fest	\$500
Eric Langton Elementary (Musical Instruments)	\$2,200
Festival of Lights	\$500
Garibaldi Art Club	\$1,855
GETI Festival	\$500
Golden Ears Elementary (Musical Instruments)	\$1,015
Harper Records (Maple Ridge Music Fest)	\$500
Maple Ridge Christmas Festival	\$500
Maple Ridge Historical Society (Music on the Wharf)	\$400
Maple Ridge Home Show (Fun Zone Family Fest)	\$ 2,000
MR Caribbean Festival	\$500
MR/PM Community Services Meals on Wheels	\$500
North Fraser Therapeutic Riding Association	\$500
Philippe Lamoise (International Projects website project)	\$250
Pitt Meadows Christmas in the City	\$500
Pitt Meadows Day Society	\$500
Specc-tacular Productions	\$500
Pitt Meadows Day Society	\$500
Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation	\$1,000
Rotary Club of South Everett (Brazil Project)	\$1,500
Rotary District 5050 (Youth Adventures in Leadership)	\$540
RYLA participant sponsor	\$750
Salvation Army	\$550
Spirit of Wood	\$500
Terry Fox Run banner	\$210
Thomas Haney Secondary	\$400
United Circle of Arts (Breast Fest)	\$500
Webster's Corner School (Musical Instruments)	\$2,000
For a total of	\$32,670

Additionally:

Sports' Banquet accumulated funding from previous years

Total paid out during the 2010/2011 Rotary year \$ 140,000.00

Details regarding the Sports' Banquet funding at the 2011 Sports' Banquet

Total Meadow Ridge Rotary funding distributed during 2010/2011: **\$172,670**