



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH



TODAY: District Governor Jane Helten

NEXT WEEK: Sports Banquet; No Regular Meeting!

Happy Birthday

Oct. 22: Robert Campbell
 Oct. 30: Terry Becker

Invocation

Oct. 18: Ken Knuttila **Nov. 01:** Melissa Kramer
Nov. 08: Sharon Kyle **Nov. 15:**

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Oct. 25		NO REGULAR MEETING!	
Oct. 26 (Wed)	6pm	Sports Banquet	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
Nov. 8	6pm	Fireside – Adrienne Dale’s home	10295 248th St. Maple Ridge
Dec. 13	noon	AGM & election of Officers for 2012/13	

INTRODUCTION TO ROTARY LEADERSHIP



Rotary cannot rise above the quality of our club leadership. The future of Rotary and the service we give to our community locally and internationally depends on strong club leadership.

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a series of fast-paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. Courses are fun, topical, interactive, and geared toward busy business, professional and community leaders who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and Rotary club and more knowledgeable Rotarians.

Rotary Clubs are encouraged to select at least two candidates for RLI annually. Students return to their club with enthusiasm, new contacts, fresh ideas, an increased understanding of their potential as Rotarians, and valuable skills impacting their potential leadership in the club.

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a grassroots-training program begun in New Jersey in 1992 by club Rotarians. Its purpose is to help future club leaders prepare for their club and community leadership role through a quality training and educational experience. The RLI has spread to more than 115 districts in

numerous countries because local clubs recognize the importance of training future leaders.

The Rotary Leadership Institute is an unofficial affiliate of Rotary International, but not an official program of RI neither under its control.

Membership growth is dependent on the quality of Rotary clubs, as clubs with good leadership are more likely to involve their members in exciting service activities and programs and, consequently, to retain their members and attract new ones.

Part I Topics Include:

Welcome & Introduction to RLI

Interactive Session introducing the participants, key concepts of The Rotary Leadership Institute, and a summary of the three RLI course agendas and reference materials.

Leadership / Characteristics

An examination of leadership and group dynamics, leadership in volunteer organizations, motivation of volunteers, and how to develop your own leadership style.

Rotary Beyond the Club

An overview of the purpose of Rotary and the administrative layers of Rotary International above the club level, both

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volunteer and paid. How can they help your club?

Membership Retention

This course centers on how we can effectively keep and involve quality members in our Rotary clubs.

Introduction to The Rotary Foundation

An introductory look at the basic goals, programs and financing of The Rotary Foundation. An exploration of the importance & value that the Foundation brings to clubs & RI.

Leadership / Team Building

A directed study on the mechanism of action in Rotary Clubs- the committee, with emphasis on effective use of committees as a tool of leadership.

Service Projects

In a small group environment, Rotary leaders discuss the planning, execution, and necessary creativity required to implement a service project meeting real community needs.

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Terry opened meeting and asked Lynda to do the invocation. Lynda had forgotten to prepare for this, but winged it just fine.

Jim introduced our guests: Rockey Simpson, Michael Hayes, Kelly Fry, Jennifer and Abraham Gagnon, District Gov. Elect Sean Hogan and District Gov. Designate Denis Boyd.

Happy and sad:

- Robert announced that he was listing his home for sale but did not quite know where he was going to go.
- Ineke was looking for a football toy box for the Sports Banquet.
- Urma was happy that the Canucks won.
- Lindsay reported that he had a contest with a deer. Lindsay lost, the deer was very happy.
- Erik was not too happy that he had forgotten how to play rugby, a sport that he defined as an activity you can only participate in if you are tougher than a hockey player.
- Matt reminded us about the four-way test sessions.
- Mary would like to have additional sources for the Sports Banquet silent auction items.

Debbie was our mystery greeter and managed to collect quite a few funds.

Our designated fine master was absent and Lindsay volunteered to take over that task by fining himself \$20 for being late and let everyone else off the hook.

There is going to be a fireside November 8th at Adrienne Dale's home.



President Terry introduced Sean Hogan, who will be our next district Gov. However, she noted that his term of office may be only 6 months if the Mayan calendar is correct and the world will end.

Sean in turn introduced Denis Boyd as some kind of a mind guy. Dennis then moved to the other side of the room where there was more light so that he could see what he was reading.

He distributed the Rotary leadership Institute promo sheet and gave a short history on how the RLI came to be. In essence, it was because many Rotarians were poorly prepared to function as Rotarians, on account of lack of knowledge about our organization. It was clear that RLI filled a real need, because it is now being offered in 200 the district. It operates with the blessing of Rotary international, but is in an entirely separate organization devoted to enhance education, not training. It is offered as 3 one day sessions where one gains a great deal of new information, and enhanced at leadership skills. One of the best parts is meeting other Rotarians from other clubs and as a result, one becomes more enthusiastic about Rotary. Sharing stories and experiences is a good way to retain new members. Faculty act as facilitators, not teachers.



PETS is for incoming presidents and RLI for all other Rotarians. Some of our members who had attended some of the RLI sessions reported their positive experiences.

Sean then spoke about his experiences as a Rotarian and how he gained a new level of energy by joining the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) committee. He was amazed to witness firsthand how young lives are changed in a four-day session.

One gains an entirely different picture of what Rotary is about when stepping out of the boundaries of the club. This is true for both new and long-time Rotarians. In that context, he encouraged us to attend the international Rotary convention in Bangkok.

The 50-50 draw left the Queen of hearts in the stack and therefore there is more money to be won in the future.

Submitted by Marco Terwiel

THE PLUS IN POLIOPLUS

When Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985, the "plus" signalled the belief that the polio eradication effort would increase immunizations against five other diseases prevalent in children: measles, tuberculosis, diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus. As time went on, the list of benefits grew.

Polio immunization campaigns created an avenue for other lifesaving health interventions, such as the distribution of vitamin A supplements. New equipment for transporting and storing vaccines made it easier to combat infectious diseases in developing areas.

The enormous network of laboratories and health clinics charged with identifying new cases of polio began to monitor the spread of other viruses as well. And the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which Rotary helped create, rose to international prominence as a model for public-private partnerships to address world health issues.

The "plus" in PolioPlus means that Rotarians are doing more than stopping the spread of polio in the last four countries in which it is endemic; they also are building a legacy of infrastructure and partnerships that will support the fight against infectious disease long after polio is gone.