



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH

TODAY: Annika Polegato – Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation

NEXT WEEK: Fireside at Adrienne Dale’s home; **No Regular Meeting!**



Happy Birthday

Invocation

Nov. 01: Melissa Kramer	Nov. 08: Sharon Kyle
Nov. 15: Lynda Lawrence	Nov. 22: Debbie MacRae

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 8	6pm	Fireside – Adrienne Dale’s home	10295 248th St. Maple Ridge
Nov. 19	6pm – 10pm	Rotary District 5050 Foundation Dinner	Bellingham Golf And Country Club
Dec. 13	noon	AGM & election of Officers for 2012/13	

ROTARY DISTRICT 5050 FOUNDATION DINNER



This year D5050 is going to have a wild party...at the Foundation Dinner! Join us on November 19th at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club for our black tie evening to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation.

“PICTURES UNDER THE STARS”

NOVEMBER 19, 2011 BELLINGHAM GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM \$65.00/PERSON

CHOOSE SALMON, LONDON BROIL, OR VEGETARIAN AT REGISTRATION
BLACK TIE

Featuring:

END POLIO

CAROL TICHELMAN

ETHIOPIA NID POSTER

ENTERTAINMENT SOUTH WHIDBEY HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

LIVE AUCTION WITH BILL ROBSON, AUCTIONEER

**CELEBRATE OUR FOUNDATION ACHIEVEMENTS
AND SHARE OUR SUCCESSES!!**

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MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

November is Foundation Month

Foundation is the key to making Rotary work. The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. We all know the great things our Foundation sponsors: Polio Plus, Polio Plus Grants, Humanitarian Grants, Matching grants, Educational Programs and much more. This month we have the opportunity to educate and contribute to the Foundation. We can do this in many ways:

- Attend the Foundation Dinner November 19th,
- [Attend the Polio Fundraiser on November 27th](#),
- Wear your medallions during the month of November to all your meetings
- Have a least one program on Foundation
- Promote Paul Harris Fellows by having a special recognition dinner for all of your Paul Harris Fellows
- [Become a Paul Harris Society member](#)
- [Become a Benefactor](#)
- [Become a Bequest Society Member](#)
- [Use Direct Deposit-you will never miss it](#)

"Reach Within To Embrace Humanity"
Jane Helten DG



50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$547.50 + 1/2 of today’s sales, 33 cards left, Jackpot on “Queen of Hearts” only!

SPORTS BANQUET 2011



The 21st Annual Rotary Sports Banquet was another success with a change of format. This year there was no entertainment due to the Rotary Duck Race Awards and Presentations. Meadow Gardens is to be commended on their dinner buffet which included pastas, salads, chicken and prime rib roast. The desserts were also quite delightful.



John McKeachie, who has emceed every one of our Banquets, interviewed three of our past Home Town Heroes. Olympian Stephanie MacDougall, Swimmer, announced that she is in training for the Para Olympics in next year.

He then talked to Olympian Amber Allen – Soccer,



and Grey Cup Ring holder Scott Robinson – Football.

John then interviewed Gordy Robson about the success of the Duck Race, which raised more than \$70,000 for youth organizations in our community. A cheque was also presented to KidSport and Len Walters, Chair of the local Chapter accepted the donation which totaled \$25,000 and is used for registration fees in sports organizations to allow youth opportunities which they otherwise would not have. Cheque presentations were also made to nine other youth organizations.



The Meadow Ridge Rotary Club presented Ian Speckman of Maple Ridge Chrysler and Dane Spence of the Maple Ridge Fire Department with a Paul Harris Fellowship for their tremendous contributions to our first Rotary Duck Race; MR Chrysler donated the grand prize – a Jeep, while the Fire Department was more in the water than out during the race.

Maple Ridge Mayor Ernie Daykin pinned these two new Fellows.

Following the intermission, John then became our auctioneer and some of the life auction items were: a weekend in Whistler, Golf with John McKeachie and a “Barrow of Booze”.



The evening concluded with the induction of the 2011 Home



Town Hero Sean McBeath, who is paddler. He is an amazing young man who at the age of 22 has already accomplished so much. Sean has been so inspired by becoming a Home Town Hero that he announced (his parents didn't even know) that he had decided to try out for Team Canada at next year's Olympics which means his studies for the next semester at UBC will be taking a back seat during his training and the trials.

The evening concluded before the stroke of 10 pm and it appears few were disappointed that there was no entertainment based on the positive comments that evening and the number of emails received the following day. We should be proud of our efforts in organizing these fundraisers and so far President Terry holds first place for most raised in a term which now stands at more than \$100,000 and she is not done yet. We still have the Wine Fest!!

Submitted by Mary Robson

WORLD POLIO DAY ON 24 OCTOBER



On World Polio Day on 24 October, Rotary Foundation Trustee Anne Matthews, General Secretary John Hewko, International PolioPlus Committee member John Sever, Bill Gates, and International PolioPlus Committee member and past RI President Jim Lacy, accompanied dozens of Rotarians on Capitol Hill to affirm the joint commitment of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Rotary to make history by eradicating polio.

Photo courtesy of Gates Foundation