



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH



TODAY: Bob Padden - TransLink

NEXT WEEK: AGM

Happy Anniversary

None

Happy Birthday

None

Nov. 29:

Dec. 6:

Invocation

Eric Mollema

Urma Mollema

Note Taker

Ineke Boekhorst

Lyndy Buyze-Kerr

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Dec. 6	noon	AGM & election of Officers for 2012/13	
Dec. 14		Joint Christmas Party with Haney	Meadow Gardens

INDIA PRESSES ITS ADVANTAGE AGAINST POLIO

By Dan Nixon

Rotary International News – 23 November 2011

With just one case of polio reported in the last 10 months, India is more determined than ever to ensure eradication of the disease.

As part of that effort, Rotarians helped administer bivalent oral polio vaccine to more than 35 million children during a Sub-national Immunization Day on 13 November. The vaccine is effective against the two remaining types of the virus.

Sporting their signature yellow vests and caps, the Rotarians also helped organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies, as well as distribute banners, caps, face masks, comic books, and other items to the children.

On 20 November, a team of Rotarians from District 3700 (Korea) served in a health camp in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, which included immunization of children against polio. The camp was organized by Indian Rotarians in cooperation with local health officials and UNICEF.

The following day, the team took part in a door-to-door mop-up campaign, administering vaccine to children who otherwise would have missed receiving it. A TV news crew from Korea accompanied the Rotarians throughout their visit, taking the End Polio Now message back to their country.

And in Mumbai, Rotary leaders John Germ, chair of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge Committee; Rotary Foundation Trustee Ashok

Mahajan; and RI General Secretary John Hewko joined Indian Rotarians in immunizing children.

"This year, there have been just over 500 cases worldwide. The fact that only one of those cases is in India is a tremendous achievement that reflects the determination of the nation's leaders and its citizens to finally rid their country -- and the world -- of this terrible scourge," Hewko wrote in an article published earlier this month in the [Hindu Business Line](#).

India's next National Immunization Days are scheduled for January and February, and a series of supplementary activities are planned through June. At the same time, intensive surveillance for the wild poliovirus is continuing throughout the country.

"Rotary has invested heavily in surveillance in India over the last 12 months," said Bruce Aylward, the World Health Organization's assistant director-general for polio eradication and related areas, at a September meeting of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "That's the reason we can say with confidence that we think we're getting close to zero [cases] in India."



50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$599.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 31 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

After the singing of the National Anthem, Debbie MacCrae did the invocation, following which Jim Coulter introduced our guests, Janice Elkerton and Duc Nguyen and Sohelia Ghodsieh.

Happy and Sad:

- We are lucky to see Lindsay alive, since he took a nasty tumble thanks to a defective chair.
- Ineke was happy to see Dave Rempel and Janice Elkerton elected and a former Rotarian Bob Masse.
- Laurie Anderson was the innocent victim of a huge tree on the neighbour's property that shed all its leaves on his lawn.
- Robert Campbell was happy to see his wife and mother in law return from Vegas without bankrupting the family.
- Janice Elkerton was both happy and sad because she is going to be a grandmother, but a long distance one since the new addition to the family is going to make its entry in Florida.
- Ken Knutilla was happy to be back after a lot of travel.
- Marco was happy to see information about the partnership between the Mercy Ships and Rotary and wondered if this would be of interest to our club.

Lindsay presented the Rotary moment with some difficulty since his injured tongue did impair the clarity of his diction. He presented an overview of Rotary's Future vision Plan. It is a less cumbersome grant model to support club and district humanitarian and educational projects. It will be implemented in 2013 after the pilot districts have ironed out any bugs.

Angie was our mystery greeter and she made sure to shake everybody's hand; a failure of the membership committee to properly instruct her.

President Terry made a series of announcements:

- Lindsay accepted the job of chairing the nomination committee.
- The Santa Parade will be Dec 3 and 10+ volunteers are needed.
- The Christmas party with the Haney club will be Dec 14.
- The Christmas train will arrive Saturday Dec. 17 at 16.15 hours and volunteers are needed. Contact Adrienne to sign up.

Ineke announced that we would repeat the "plants for polio" at Christmas time. Last year that generated about \$900 for the "End Polio Now" campaign.

Laurie was fine master and had two questions: Which three charitable organizations got an A+ rating for efficiency and low overhead. The answer was : 1 Rotary Foundation, 2 CDC, and Unicef. The other table was challenged to answer how many endemic polio countries there are. The answer is Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria and. India has just been declared polio free after only one case last year.

Lynda introduced today's speakers: Meaghen Taylor and Gail Finsson of the Association for Community Living.



Sheila introduced the work the Association. It provides children's services, community support services, residential services and vocational programs for persons with disabilities.

Then Gail explained why and how people with disabilities can be an asset to an employer. When they are able to work then they turn out to be reliable, educated to do the job, have a great safety record, perform well and are eager to work. The agency will offer pre-screened, qualified candidates to companies that give them opportunities. Meaningful employment is a big part of inclusion for this segment of the population. Their combined buying power exceeds \$25 billion in our country.

She provided some examples of local businesses that employ people with disabilities and the positive experience for all concerned. Marv Jones Honda, the Recycling place were two local successful examples.

She mentioned other available services such as car detailing for \$20, carpentry workshop, art studio, garbage pick-up for \$20 /month etc.

In response to a question from Lynda about the disarray of the ministry in Victoria, Gail felt that the future looks brighter since the current minister responsible has a disability herself.

Debbie had the lucky ticket, but did not get the queen of hearts.

Submitted by Marco Terwiel

EMPLOYMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

REAL WORK FOR REAL PAY



Many people with developmental disabilities want to have a job, earn a wage, and be included and valued in their work. Despite this desire, the rate of people with developmental disabilities who are employed remains very low.

Some believe that people with developmental disabilities should not or cannot work, and this leads to limited choices and opportunities to become employed. Current research

shows that, contrary to this myth, people with developmental disabilities make valuable contributions to their communities, families, and to their workplaces when they have the proper supports and services available to them.

At BCACL we believe that people with developmental disabilities can and should have as many opportunities to be employed as their non-disabled peers. With awareness and resources, employers in BC are willing to make reasonable accommodations to their employees. In turn, everyone in the workplace benefits from the value of diversity. The employee with a developmental disability gains confidence, independence and enjoys an increased income as a result. What's more, community workplaces begin to truly reflect the makeup of the people that live in that community.

Relevant policies and regulations, training and education, job supports and job-matching services can be designed to enable people to get and keep real jobs.