



The Four Way Flasher

Meadow Ridge Rotary Club

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JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH



TODAY: Don McLean - "a walk down memory lane"

NEXT WEEK: RCMP SWAT Team Representative

Happy Anniversary

Happy Birthday

Jan. 3:

Jan. 10:

Invocation Patrick O'Brien

Ken Paterson

Note Taker Laura Cherrille

Adrienne Dale

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Jan. 24		Fireside Meeting at Patrick O'Brien's	

A HOLIDAY NOTE

As the year comes to a close, Rotarians around the world celebrate the holidays as well as Family Month.

Family Month celebrates the family of Rotary, which, in addition to individual Rotarians, includes all of those who are involved in Rotary's work from Rotary Foundation program alumni to participants in Rotary youth programs in thousands of communities around the world. Spouses and children of Rotarians play a vital role in Rotary too. Rotary clubs benefit immensely when they strive to achieve a balanced interaction between Rotarians and their families, enhancing home lives and family interactions.

This Rotary year the emphasis is on family. Is there peace and harmony in your family? If not, what do you need to do to make that happen? Family comes first, if all is well in the family unit, then we are able to reach out to our communities. Christmas is a great time to involve our families in this endeavor. We serve by example, how about the whole family serving at a soup kitchen, gifts for needy families or food for the hungry. There are many ways we can be of service to others during the holidays. Let's all get involved and make the holidays better for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Where has the year gone? Now is the time to reflect. Did we make a difference in the world or in someone else's life? If we as

Rotarians worked in our clubs on community projects, fund raisers, or any of the many service projects we do, then we know we have made a difference. If we have given to the Foundation for annual giving or polio plus, be assured a difference has been made and lives are better for it.

As the year comes to a close, it is time for renewal of our dues and commitment. If you find that you are a member of your Rotary club in name only, a member who just shows up for meetings and meals or find that you are not an active member of committees, leadership, programs, fundraisers or any of the many opportunities to serve, then maybe it is time for you to ask yourself if this is the right organization to be involved in. We join Rotary to be of service to our local and global community. We can only do this by actively participating. It may be that you have a passion for something that is not being done. Approach others in your club to get something going that serves your passion and those less fortunate. If you just cannot find anything at your local club or the District level then perhaps it is time to assess your reasons for belonging to Rotary at this time in your life. Please become active in "service above self" in order that service is truly met.

I wish all of you a happy blessed Christmas. May peace and goodwill be yours throughout the coming year.

Yours in Rotary,
Jane - DG District 5050

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$673.50 + 1/2 of today's sales, 29 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

The last regular meeting, for the 2011 Gregorian Calendar year, of the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club was held December 20th, 2011 at the Bella Vita Restaurant.



President Terry Becker gratefully started the last meeting of the first half of her term at 12:03 - suitably delayed to accommodate latecomers affected by holiday traffic.

The congregated members, and our lone guest Janis Elkerton, were ably led in the singing of "O Canada" by the dulcet Matt "Snowbird" deBruyn. This was followed by Marco 'Father' Terwiel stepping in to present the Invocation.

President Terry then advised the assembled that there was no formal program or speaker for this meeting. Also there was no fine master or mystery greeter. This was met, rather than with derision, by enthusiastic approval by all concerned.

After a tasty seafood lunch from the chef de jour we entertained Happy/Sad which included some of these notable announcements:

- Marco Terwiel advised there are 70 children registered for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library project in the north. Along with that great news he told us of the \$2,500 donation that was received for assistance in sending a northern student to college.
- Gord "The Main Quack" Robson (along with able and educated support from others) let us know that the Duck Race committee was in gear and that if anyone wanted to get quacking to let him know.
- Ineke "She's Everywhere" Boekhorst let us know that the Cyclamen Sale in support of End Polio Now was going well and only a few left to sell. Around \$1000 will be made when the final tally is in.
- Dave "auctioneer" Rempel let us know that he had two tickets for a Canucks game for sale, with proceeds to the Russian/Canadian charity he helps manage.
- Ineke Boekhorst also brought in a Gingerbread house. She auctioned it off with proceeds to the Ridge Meadows Hospice. \$74 was raised.



President Terry then wrapped the meeting with announcements:

- January 24th there is a Fireside Meeting at Patrick O'Brien's house. Please sign up!
- The 2012 District 5050 conference is now open for registration. [Click here to check the District Website](#)

Terry drew the 50/50 ticket and Lindsay Hendy did NOT get the Queen so the pot was carried over to next meeting on January 3rd.

Meeting adjourned blessedly early at approximately 12:53 PM

Submitted by Robert Campbell

CP CHRISTMAS TRAIN



On Saturday, December 17th Canadian Pacific's brightly decorated Holiday Train returned to Port Haney Station, raising food, money and awareness for the Friends In Need. The Friends In Need Food Bank would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our supporters for their awesome contribution to our community.

In addition to the great work of Canadian Pacific and their employees, this year's Holiday Train gave us the opportunity to showcase our many supporters - including the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Fire Fighters, The Billy Miner Pub as well as volunteer support that evening from the Firefighters, RCMP and the **MeadowRidge Rotary Club**.

A total of **\$20,949.40** was presented and collected for the food bank.

All the pictures can be seen on our [website](#).

