



The Four Way Flasher

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FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH



TODAY: Meeting cancelled

NEXT WEEK: Melissa Kramer - International Service Presentation

Happy Birthday

Feb. 14:

Feb.21:

Invocation

David Rempel

Mary Robson

Note Taker

Angie Edmonds

Janis Elkerton

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Jan. 24	6pm	Fireside Meeting at Patrick O'Brien's home	10328 276 Street, Maple Ridge
June 01-03		District 5050 Convention	Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, WA

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

This November, I had the opportunity to speak at the Rotary institute in Kolkata, India. The focus of this institute was on peace and the ways in which we in Rotary could work to build peace. When I received the invitation, I began to think about what I might say, knowing that with all that Rotarians do in this area, my main challenge would be keeping within the time limit!

But just before I arrived in Kolkata, I spoke at a water conference in Tel Aviv. It was a wonderful event at which Rotarians and non-Rotarians from all over the world came together to discuss the many challenges of keeping an ever-growing population supplied with an increasingly scarce resource. Before I could begin to talk about Rotary's contribution, however, I had to explain what Rotary is and what we do – because even in that very educated audience of scientists and entrepreneurs and executives, there were many people who had simply never heard of Rotary.

As I left that event, I began to think again about what to say in Kolkata, because so much of what we do in Rotary to build peace depends on public awareness of who we are. Why have we been so successful in our work to eradicate polio? Because Rotary is

able to go where no government and few other nongovernmental organizations can – into homes, into schools, and into communities, with the trust and confidence of the people we serve.

When we in Rotary work for peace, we don't do it by negotiating treaties or demonstrating in the streets. Instead, we build peace by example – by working together, whatever our nationality or background, and putting others' needs above our own. We build peace by dealing with the problems that disrupt people's ability to live normal, peaceful lives – whether those problems are a lack of water, or sanitation, or safe, affordable housing; whether they stem from a shortage of education or health care, or a need to build productive and positive connections between communities. In everything we do, we rely on our good name.

This is why all of us have a responsibility to be sure that our good name is indeed known. We need to not just work through Rotary, but talk about Rotary – letting the world know about the work we are doing, the differences we are making, and the benchmarks we are setting. Our Rotary work speaks to our belief that a better, more peaceful world is possible, and we need to be sure that our voices are heard.

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$757.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 25 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

One of our guests was **Roger Wong** from the Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown, who encouraged us to attend a fundraiser event of his Rotary Club, being a 12 course Chinese dinner and show on Feb. 24th, 2012 at the Floata Chinese Restaurant on Keefer Street in Vancouver, tickets \$80 each.



Ineke reported that the Chinese dinner held at the Pitt Meadows Hall recently raised \$8,000 for the Foodbank. Good work, Ineke and those that put on this event.

Ineke also presented the Rotary Moment. She told us of the Arch C. Klumph Society, where persons in a position to donate at least \$250,000 can become members of the Society and "do good in the world". There are about 350 members to date of whom 10 are Canadians.

(That amounts to at least \$87,500,000 if my math is correct !)



Our newest member, **Rocky Simpson**, was installed by Bob Shantz and Mike Davies as our third new member for the year. Rocky is a mortgage specialist for Scotiabank for whom he has worked since 1978.

Welcome, Rocky.

Our key note speaker was our own **Angie Edmonds** who presented her "Who's Who".

Angie was born in 1977 and has one sister. She went to school in New Westminster at the same school that her father went to. Her parents have lived in the same family home - for something like 45 years? She remembers, as a youngster, coming all the way to Golden Ears Park which seemed then like being out in the boonies.

In school, in Grades 7 – 12, she played the clarinet in the school band - which shows her wide range of interests and talents at a young age.

In Grade 9 she heard of a science trip to Orlando, Florida, sponsored by her school, and decided she wished to go. But it cost a lot of money. She thought that, seeing as it was a "school" event, her parents might pay for it. Wrong. Wrong. Wrong. Her parents said if she wanted to go, she should get a job and finance it herself. So she did - and learned a valuable lesson in life - namely, if you want something bad enough and are prepared to work for it, then you will be successful. A good thing to teach a young person.

She worked at a pizza house and after graduating from high school went to Douglas College. She subsequently got a job at Columbia Dodge. This was the same dealership where her father bought his first car. Her father owned that same care - for something like 45 years? [I think there is a pattern here].

Subsequently she joined the Bank of Montreal, firstly as a customer service representative. The branch where she was working had, on a number of occasions, a sign posted on the door - "Closed because of a robbery". It turned out that the poster boy was a person she knew as a fellow student from elementary school, and his partner in crime was his mother! [I guess his parents did not teach him that "if you want something bad enough and are prepared to work for it, then you will be successful"]. While Mudder and Chylde moved up in the justice system, Angie moved up in the banking world, and in 2011 became the Marketing Accounts Manager in Maple Ridge, specializing in agriculture. She has been with the BMO for 16 years.



Besides her 10 year old son (who plays ice and ball hockey) her interests include travel and hosting students from such places as Hong Kong, Germany and Japan. She is fond of outdoor activities. She has given to the community by helping out with the Terry Fox Run, the Maple Ridge Foundation, raising money for the Children's Hospital and other activities. She has participated in our Rotary's four-way test program in schools. Angie is obviously a motivated and talented person, is and will be a great Rotarian.

Submitted by Laurie Anderson