



# The Four Way Flasher

**Meadow Ridge Rotary Club**

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## FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH



**TODAY:** MP Randy Kamp  
**NEXT WEEK:** Marco Terwiel - Mens' Health presentation

### Happy Birthday

Feb. 19: Mark Forster

### Feb. 21:

### Feb.28:

<b>Invocation</b>	Mary Robson	Gord Robson
<b>Note Taker</b>	Janis Elkerton	Mark Forster

### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
April 21	7pm – 10pm	Meadow Ridge Rotary Wine Festival	Thomas Haney Centre
June 01-03		District 5050 Convention	Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, WA

### DISTRICT 5050 GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

February is World Understanding Month in the Rotary Calendar. Our Mission in Rotary is to “provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders”.

Rotarians achieve this mission in many ways – through international service projects, the Youth Exchange program, scholarships, Friendship Exchange, Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action groups, attending the District Conference and International Convention. As we engage with people from many different nations, religions and ethnic groups, we enhance and advance world understanding, good will, and peace one person at a time.

Celebrate Rotary’s anniversary on February 23 with our mission to “Reach Within to Embrace Humanity”. Rotary’s 107th birthday is fast approaching; every club is encouraged to start planning events on or around this day. Last year, clubs world wide made tremendous efforts to recognize Rotary’s work and share the message of End Polio Now. Even though 23 February is Rotary’s official anniversary, any day in your community can be designated a Rotary day.

*Enjoy the month, share, and spread world peace through your own actions and words*

*Yours in Rotary,*

*District Governor Jane Helten*



### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Guests: Deborah Hyslop & Irena Shantz

Invocation: Lindsay Hendy stepping in to cover for Dave Rempel, Thanks Lindsay!

Rotary Moment: Lindsay- presented a Summary of who Rotary works with:

- **Polio Eradication Partnerships-** Rotary International (RI) is a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative along with World Health Organization, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention & UNICEF. Other partners include the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- **United Nations** – RI appoints reps to work with the several UN agencies and international organization
- **Strategic Partners-** under the Future Vision Plan the Rotary Foundation Trustees have formed strategic partnerships with the following organizations to offer service opportunities for Rotarians through packaged global grants: Aga Khan University, Mercy Ships, Oikocredit International and UNESCO-IHE.

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$822.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 23 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

- **Service partners-** Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Goodwill Industries International & International Reading Association.
- **Government Partners:** RI/USAID International H2O Collaboration is an alliance between Rotary International and the US Agency for International Development to support and facilitate water & sanitation projects.
- **Rotary Peace Centers-** RI partnership with the following universities to offer fellowships leading to degrees or certificates in areas of studies related to conflict prevention and resolution: Chulalongkorn University Bangkok, Duke University and University of Carolina at Chapel Hill USA, International Christian University Tokyo Japan, Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England, University of Queensland, Brisbane Australia & Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden.

Thank you to Ineke for treating us to chocolate covered strawberries for Valentine's Day

Welcome back to Marco who has been in South America and battling a Norovirus on the ship along with 20ft sea swells! I think Marco is glad to be back home on dry land!

Urma announced that the wine tickets would be going on sale at the next Rotary meeting Tuesday Feb 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### Happy/Sad:

- Ineke was happy as she had booked her trip to Bangkok and the Rotarians were first to hear the news before Peter!
- Eric was happy that Bella Vita was up and running again under new management/owner
- Gordy was happy that the kaffuffle about the duck race has been put to bed
- Robert was happy as he caved and bought a Mac Computer

**Mystery greeter** was Peter! He was able to collect a sizeable amount of loonies from the group including yours truly....I was too busy taking notes!

**Fine Master-** Janice Elkerton- a fine was to be paid if you did not give your significant other a Valentine's gift....most of us were safe!

**Speaker Notes:** Pat Kramer- Fulltime lecturer who spends 7 months per year at sea on cruise ships, Published Author with over 14 books and mother to Melissa Kramer!

Topic for the Day: Canada's Politicians Speak –Chronological order from 1843

Pat presented a very light and comical history of our Canadian politicians highlighting some of their famous quotes and speeches throughout the years.

She started in 1843 with Robert Baldwin who was the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Premier of Canada. He was a Premier as Canada was a Dominion and the title of Prime Minister was not yet used.

Followed up by Amor De Cosmos, real name William Smith. He was the second premier and was a tireless advocate for economic diversification, being one of the first British Columbians to argue for a policy of encouraging development of the "three F's" — farming, forestry, and fisheries — that would underpin the region's economy for the next century. He was also a photo journalist and had a stint making porn...thank you for the edited picture Pat! Probably now what you want to see from your Premier!

John A MacDonald was next, quoted saying "Let us be English or let us be French, but above all else, let us be Canadian." He was also known for his Gin consumption, trying to lead people to believe that he was just drinking water!

Sir Charles Tupper was the 6<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister and the father of Confederation; he lasted 63 days in office!

Sir William Laurier was the 7<sup>th</sup> prime Minister and the 1<sup>st</sup> Francophone to hold office.

Agnes MacPhail was the 1<sup>st</sup> of two women to be elected to the Canadian House of Commons in 1921-1930; Nellie McClung was the second.

William Lyon Mackenzie King was the dominant [Canadian](#) political leader from the 1920s through the 1940s. He served as the [tenth Prime Minister of Canada](#) from December 29, 1921 to June 28, 1926; from September 25, 1926 to August 7, 1930; and from October 23, 1935 to November 15, 1948. A Liberal with 22 years in office, he was longest-serving Prime Minister in Canadian history. He led Canada through the war. John G. Diefenbaker was the 13<sup>th</sup> PM and was quoted saying: "The Liberals are the flying saucers of politics. No one can make head or tail of them and they never are seen twice in the same place."

Pat Went on to highlight some very comical quotes from the 7<sup>th</sup> Premiere of Saskatchewan Tommy Douglas, Flying Phil Gaglardi, a BC politician for the Ministry of Hwys from 1955-1968, Brian Mulroney, the 18<sup>th</sup> PM quoted saying "I am not denying anything I did not say. Our favorite seemed to be Jean Chretien- famously quoted saying: A proof is a proof. What kind of a proof? It's a proof. A proof is a proof. And when you have a good proof, it's because it's proven.



Stephen Harper is the 22<sup>nd</sup> PM and unfortunately we ran out of time before exploring many of his quotes but this one "After all, enforced national bilingualism in this country isn't mere policy. It has attained the status of a religion. It's a dogma which one is supposed to accept without question."

Thank you Pat for a wonderful presentation highlighting our Country's Talent!

**Submitted by Angie Edmonds**